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INTRODUCTION

THIS volume contains the history of the Revolution in Maine and reveals the slipshod manner in which both parties conducted the war. Not only did the authorities on the American side proceed in a careless, unsystematic and blundering manner in the defence, leaving the soldiers engaged in it to starve and freeze until they heard a frantic appeal for help, but the British displayed no enterprise in prosecuting offensive operations. Had they possessed a single able military commander, they could have occupied and held the eastern part of Maine at almost any time. They were far from being offensive. No wonder that Horace Walpole ridiculed the English commanders for their display of "etiquette" in conducting the war.

I am printing at the end of this volume an interesting petition of 1672, for which I am indebted to the kindness of Mr. George S. Stewart, A. B., who copied it from the original. Action on this petition was taken a few months later, and is to be found at page 330 in Vol. 1 of my manuscript Series, or Vol. 4 of the Documentary History.

JAMES PHINNEY BAXTER,

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

Certificate of Henry Dyer et als.

Gouldsborough 17th Novemb^r 1779

Whereas we the Subscribers on the Eighteenth day of April 1777 have in Company with Mr Daniel Wright Bought of Captain Agreen Crabtree the Prize Sloop Polly with all her Appurtenances on certain Conditions which conditions is set forth at large in our Obligation to said Crabtree of the above Date, Therefore this may Certifie all whom it may Concern that we have on or about the first day of December A. Domini 1778 Sold & Disposed of our Interest in said Sloop & Appurtenances to the said Daniel Wright on the Conditions as Bought of said Agreen Crabtree

Jesse Brown	Henry Dyer
James Noonan	Thomas Parrit
	Phineas Whitten

Petition of Job Averell.

To the Honourable the Council and the Honourable House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled —

The Petition of the Subscriber In behalf of Samuel Avery and Mark Hatch Inhabitants of Penobscot for that whereas the said Samuel Avery and Mark Hatch both have fammelies

now at Penobscot and in a Stearven Condition and in the hands of Enemies of this State wherefore your Petitioners prays your Honours they may be allowed a Carteal at their own Expence In order to bring said Avery and Hatchs Fammelis to the County of York your Petitioner has procured a schooner of about fourteen Tons for the above Purpos Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honours would take this matter into your Serious Consideration and Grant Relief in the Premises which your Petitioners as In Duty bound shall ever pray Job Averell

Boston Novemb^{r} 17th 1779

In Council Novr 18th 1779

Read & Ordered— That the Prayer of this Petition be granted and that Job Averell be & hereby is permitted to take up a small Vessel at his own Expence as a Cartel for the Purpose of transporting the Families of Samuel Avery and Mark Hatch from Penobscot to the County of York—

Attest Jno Avery D Sec^{y}

Petition of Daniel Wright.

To the Honorable Council and the Honorable the House of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston in the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Daniel Wright of a Place called Goulds-borogh in the County of Lincoln and State aff'd humbly Sheweth—that your Petitioner together with Capt Henry Dyer Phinis Whitten & Thomas Parret all of and near said Gouldsborough on the Seventh of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven Did Purchase public advantage to protect them there, than to remove them elsewhere; We doubt not you will do everything necessary on your part, to this End—And as soon as the General Court meets which

will be on the 10th of Novr we shall Cary the matter before them, and doubt not they will immediately make all necessary provision for the protecting those people in the quiet Enjoyment of their possessions

In the Name &c

Maj Wm Lithgow C. W. Severs Pr

Petition of Thomas Child.

State of Massachusetts Bay, Novemr 1779

To the Honble the Council and the Honble the House of Representatives in General Court Assembled —

The Petition of Tho Child of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland and State aforesaid

Humbly Shews —

1. That Your Petitioner has taken Letters of Agency on the Estate of Francis Waldo late of Said Falmouth an Absentee.
2. That he has taken an Inventory of all the Personal Estate of the said Absentee which he could find after the said Town of Falmouth was burnt by the enemy and sold the same at Vendue according to Law which amounts to £106, 12/c
3. That the Commissioners Appointed to receive Examine and Report the Claims on said Estate to the Judge have done it, which amounts to the Sum of £63; 16; 8. besides which more than £100. is due for taxes for the Year 1778 —
4. That there is an Old Negro Man with a Constant Sore owing to a Broken Leg, who has been a Constant charge and likely to continue so and whom the Select men of said Falmouth have placed sometime at one place until they were tired of him, and then with another, so that finally he was deliver'd into the care of your Petitioner, as Agent

to said Estate, his Leg being so offensive, your Petitioner could not keep him, therefore Your Petitioner got a place for him in the Country where he is at great Charge for Clothing & Provision these scarse times for both —

5. Your Petitioner has been at the Charge of Sending to the Registry of Deeds in the County of Lincoln to know what Estate the said Absentee has in that County, and also been at the Charge of getting Extracts from the Register in that County of what said Absentee now owns here, both which are here ready to be produced if Your Honors have Occasion for the same —

6. That there is a Considerable Sum due from the said Estate, besides the Growing Charge of said Negro Man, Wherefore your Petitioner humbly Prays this Honorable Court would please to grant him Licence to sell as much of said Absentee's Lands in this town as will be Sufficient to pay the debts, and the constant Charge of said Negro man, and charges of Sail, and Your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Tho. Child

Notice of Conference with Indians.

At a Conferrence Held at Machias the 18th Day of November 1779 with a large Number of Indians of the St Johns & Passamaquody Tribes, with Several from St Francois in Canada and other Tribes — Present

Colo Allan Supr Intt Lieut Avery Sec'y to do Lieut Delesdernier A D C to do

In the Service at Machias

Major Stillman Captt Smith Comy Capt OBrien

In the Service at Machias

Lieut Albee Lieut Ferree Doctor Clark Quar^{r} Mas^{t} Foster Stephen Jones Esqr Mr OBrien Mr Longfellow Inhabitants of Machias

Mr S Archabald Mr T. Archabald Mr I Archabald From Nova Scotia

Capt Somes — of Cape Ann

Agreement of Stephen Waite.

This Agreement made this eighteenth Day of November A D. 1779 — between the Board of War for the State of Massachusetts Bay on the one part and Stephen Waite of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland & State aforesaid Merchant on the other part, Witnesseth, That the said Board of War have this Day sold and delivered to the said Stephen, five peices of Duck at the rate of one hundred and twenty pounds per peice, for which the said Stephen engages & promises to pay the said Board of War or their Order in good merchantable Eastern Wood as clear as possible of White Birch, within two Months from this Date and as much sooner as possible, at the rate of eighteen Pounds per Cord, to be delivered at any Place in the Town or Harbour of Boston the said Board of War may direct —

In the Performance of which the said Stephen Waite binds himself in the penal sum of One thousand Pounds — Witness my Hand & Seal the Day of Year before written — N B. The Words between the eighth & ninth Lines from the Top "or their Order" were wrote before Signing

Stephen Waite

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of

Thomas Ivers
Joseph Chapman Jr

Resolve in favor of Mons. Nebon.

State of Massachusets Bay
In the House of Representatives Novr 19th 1779

On the Petition of Monsieur Nebon Praying for the retraction of two Hogsheads of Sugar Detained in the Town of Franklin by Joseph Haws and Ebenezer Dean by virtue of an act of this State

Resolved that the said Haws & Dean be & hereby are directed to deliver to Monsieur Nebon the Two Hogsheads of Sugar now Detained in their hands by virtue of an act of this State he paying them the Charges of the Seizure and making Sale of Said Sugar within this State.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk

In Council Nov. 19, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to —

A Ward	Moses Gill	S. Fuller
M Greenleaf	B White	Sam Niles
W. Spooner	J Stone	Jno Pitts
T Cushing	L Danielson	Thos Durfee
I Fisher	I. Simpson	N. Goodman

Board of War to Capt McLellan.

War Office, Boston, Nov 20th 1779

Sir/

Inclosed you have Capt Speakmans Order to deliver the Board of War the eight Boxes Cartidges left in your hands by Mr. Robins, it is the Boards desire that you ship them for this Place, by the first safe Conveyance, agreing for the

Freight on the best Terms you can, for which the Board will pay —

I am sir Your very hum. Servt

By Order of the Board

Capt Joseph McLellan Joseph Chapman J S^{y}

Falmouth Casco Bay

Order of Board of War.

War Office, Boston, Novr 20th 1779

Capt John F Williams —

It is our Orders that you repair to Newbury Port where you'l find the Lincoln Gallery with the Military & other Stores for your Ship which you are immediately to take on Board & Proceed over the Bar as Soon as the Tides & Weather will permit and if the Wind is fair you are to come direct to Boston, but should you not like the time you may go to Portsmouth, from whence you are to come round to this Place whenever the Wind & Weather will permit —

We are Your humb^{l} Serv^{ts}

By Order of the Board

(Copy Jos Chapman J S^{y}) S. P. S. Pres^{t}

Resolve of Genl. Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Novem^{r} 20th 1779

On the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Lincoln praying for an allowance of Fourteen Pounds Paid to each of the three men Rais'd in said town agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly of this State Past June 12 1778 Resolved that the Prayer of the Petition be Granted and that there be Deducted from the afforesaid Towns Proportion of the next State Tax the sum of Forty two Pounds

which is in full for the Bounty paid three men for going on an Expedition to Rhode Island agreable to a Resolve of this State. Sent up for Concurrence

In Council Novr 20, 1779 John Hancock Spk

Read & Concurred John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to —

A Ward	Moses Gill	N Cushing
B Greenleaf	B. White	J Simpson
W. Spooner	Jno Pitts	N. Goodman
T. Cushing	J Stone	Thos. Durfee
J Fisher	T. Danielson	A. Fuller

Letter to Council enclosing Act of Congress.

Philadelphia 22^{d} Novem — 1779

Sir

You will receive herewith enclos'd an act of Congress of the 16th instant: By which you will be informed That in the present Situation of the General Treasury, and from the pressing Necessity of a full & punctual payment of the taxes required for the prosecution of the war, the request to retain the six Million of dollars mentioned in your Letter of the 21st of Septr last cannot be complied with.

I am Sir with Sentiments of Esteem & Regard your humble Servt

Saml Huntington President

In Council Novr 30th 1779 Read & sent down

John Avery D Sec'y

Petition of Joseph Whipple.

To the Honble the whole Court

The petition of Joseph Whipple humbly sheweth,

that in the retreat from Magabigwaduce, he took the Indian rout with Genl Lovell, that when they arrived at the Upper

Indian Town, they found themselves drove to the unavoidable necessity, of returning to the Enemy, or engageing two silver dollars P^{r} day, to each Indian pilot; they prefer'd the latter, And although part of the Indians came upon public business, And your honors have been pleased to grant the proportion of the Genl, & his Brig^{d} Maj^{r} out of the public Treasury of this State, your petitioner is call'd upon for twelve silver dollars, to discharge his part of the expence, of Indian pilots, which will cost him One years monthly pay. he therefore pray's your honors wou'd grant him the priviledge of exchanging the above Sum of paper Currency, for Silver money at the public Treasury, that he may be enabled to discharge the Above Debt.

Your honors humble petitioner

J. Whipple
Serg^{n} Art^{y}

Boston Novem^{r} 23^{d} 1779

Petition of Jonathan Fuller et als.

To the Honble the Council & the Honble House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay in New England in Genl Court Assembled May it Please y^{r} Honors —
Nov 26th 1779

The Petition of Jon^{a} Fuller & Others of Woolwich in the County of Lincoln, in behalf of the s^{d} Jonathan

Humbly Sheweth —

That the s^{d} Jonathan Fuller one of y^{r} Petitioners has lived upon the Estate of David Phipps Esqr. an Absentee (lying in Woolwich) for a Number of years past & has expended as much Labour upon the place, as amounts to almost Four hundred Pounds Lawful Money according to his Aud^{t} given in to the Agent for s^{d} Estate, whereby the s^{d} Farm is brought

into its present valuable situation, the whole of which is now due to the said Jonathan, except about twenty Pounds, which he received of the s^{d} Phipps before he went off & which the s^{d} Jonathan has credited the Acc^{t} And as by a Resolve of the General Court of the seventeenth day of February last, All Agents for such Estates were order'd to lease out such Estates at Publick Auction to the highest bidder, for the term of One Year from the first day of April, Your Petitioners humbly apprehend the resolve aforesaid could not be adher'd to with respect to the above mentioned Estate, as the D^{y} Agent to s^{d} Estate put up an Advertizment dated the 22^{d} day of March, notifying the sale to be on the thirteenth day of April then next ensuing, so that there could not be fourteen days notice before the first day of April, neither could the place be leased out before the said first day of April. But upon the thirteenth day of April the day appointed for the vendue, One John Carlton a person who it is notoriously known here is strongly Attach'd to the British Government & has always oppos'd every measure that has been propos'd by this state for securing our rights & privileges, and as the said Jon^{a} Fuller one of your Petitioners has acted as one of the Committee of Correspondence &c for these three years past & has humbly render'd himself obnoxious to the s^{d} John Carlton by his the s^{d} Jonathan's strenuous exertions in favor of the Glorious cause in which we are engag'd, We look upon it as the only reason for his the said John Carltons bidding upon the Place beyond the said Jonathan, in order as much as in his power lay to distress the s^{d} Jonathan & his Family by turning them out of doors, and as the s^{d} Jonathan Fuller do's not mean to oppose any of the resolves of this Honble Court, We therefore pray the interposition of this Honble Court in the Premisses, as the s^{d} John Carlton did not intend to improve the place himself

and has not paid the purchase money, but absolutely refuses to pay it. The said Jonathan is willing to pay as much for the place for the present year as it was struck off at & to pay the charges of the Vendue, Your Petitioners also pray that the said Estate for the Future may not be leased out at Public Vendue but that the said Jonathan Fuller may be Allowed to enjoy it at the Appraizment of three honest judicious men under Oath untill the same shall be order'd to be sold According to Law.— Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors would take the Case of the said Jonathan Fuller into your most serious Consideration, and grant him all that relief in the Premisses as your Honors in your great Wisdom shall think fit. & in duty bound shall ever Pray

Jonathan Fuller
Samuel Ford
Solomon Walker
Thos. Motherwill
Elijah Grant
Joseph Wade
Lemuel Trott
Sam'l Hamden
Jonathan Preble
} Committee of Correspondence

In Council Decr 21st 1779

Read & thereupon ordered that Abraham Fuller Esqr with such as the Honble House shall join be a Committee to take into Consideration this Petition and the Papers accompanying the same and report what is proper to be done thereon —

Sent down for Concurrence
John Avery D Sec'y.

In the House of Representatives Decr 22, 1779

Read & concurred & Capt Wm Farland & Wm Parker are join'd John Hancock Spk^{r}

Resolve of Genl. Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay —

In the House of Representatives Nov 26th 1779

Resolved,

That the Board of War be, and they are hereby directed, to settle all Public Accounts for Supplies for the Penobscott Expedition

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk

In Council Novr 26, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to

A Ward	Moses Gill	Aaron Wood
W. Spooner	B. White	Thos Durfee
Caleb Cushing	J Stone	Jno Pitts
Saml Adams	A. Fuller	N Goodman
J Fisher	J Simpson	Edwd Cutts

Capt. Gregory's Account.

State of the Massachusetts Bay to Willm Gregory Dr

To Sundries Supplied Waterman Thomas Esqr Commassary and Quarter Master, for the Troops Doing at Cambden, Viz —

1779

Septr 20th	To 9 bushels & three pecks of Rhy lent since the Defeat at Penobscut		
	To 28 pd bread @ 20/ 103½ Meat Supplied Soldiers @ 20/	131	10
	To 2 Meal Sacks to Collect Potatoes & Grain @ 180/	18	0

To 4 Pails @ 30/ 1 Ax £9 4½ bushels Peas @ £18	96	0
Man & Hoars 3 Weeks Collecting Grain & Potatoes	60	0
27th To 1 Man 4 Oxen & Cart 1 Day hawling bread	15	0
29th To Man & Oxen ½ Day hawling Meat & Potatoes	7	10
30th To d° Salt from St. Georges	15	0
Octr 4th To d° Bread from D°	15	0
5th To d° Provision half Day from Shoar	6	0
6th To d° Provision to Send up Penobscut	6	0
9th To d° Rum & bread from St. Georges 1 Day	15	0
15th To 2596 feet of Boards for Barracks Survey d by Capt Gove @ £40	103	17
16th To Man Oxen & Cart 2 Days hawling boards @ £15	30	0
17th To d° Clay for Chimney ½ Day	6	0
26th To d° 1 Day Salt from St. Georges	15	0
27th To d° Bread & Rice from d°	15	0
To 100 feet boards & 300 Nails to mend boats	15	0
To my Boat from 25th July to 17th August imploy'd by Col° Howard Order in Transporting Troops & Provision from Cambden to Penobscut & Carried of by the Mereans in the Retreat	300	0
Novr 28th To pd 28½ beef & bread Supplied Capt. Preble fr Resale	28	0
To 14 Meals Victuals @ 36/ 2 pd Coffee @ 36/	28	16
2 Quarts Molasses & fish supplied Capt Hale Compy,	30	0
To 85 pd Bread 134½ pd beef svd Prisoners Deserters & Men to March	219	10

To Barracks Stear Parstering from 17th Augt to 1st Novr	60	0
To my time in Collecting Thilling & Issuing Provisions from 17th Augst to 1st Novr being 96 Days @ 120/	576	0
Errors Excepted	£1818	3

Pr William Gregory

Resolve of Genl. Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives Novr 27, 1779

On the Petition of Joshua Davis, Agent for Transports on the late unfortunate Expedition to Penobscot —

Resolved, That the Petitioner be & he is hereby directed to make up his Returns of Pay Rolls for the Wages of the Officers & Marines in the Transports on the Expedition aforesaid to the fourth of September last and no longer, being three Weeks after the distruction of the Vessels employed on that Service — and that all the other matters & things contained in said Petition be refer'd to the Board of War to act thereon as they may think just right —

Sent up for Concurrence
John Hancock Spk

In Council Novr 27th 1779
Read & Concurred
John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to

A. Ward	Moses Gill	Thos Durfee
W Spooner	B White	Aaron Wood
Caleb Cushing	O Prescott	N Goodman
S Adams	Sam Niles	E. Cutts
J Fisher	J Simpson	J Stone

Letter of President of Council.

The President of the State of Mass^{a} Bay
State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Novr 29 — 1779

Sir

Pursuant to a Resolution of the General Assembly you have inclosed the Report of a Committee appointed by them to enquire into the reasons of the failure of the late Expedition to Penobscot, together with the papers accompanying said report which are transmitted to Congress that they may be possessed of the true reasons of the failure aforesaid & be enabled to take such order thereon as they shall Judge most conducive to Publick Justice

I am in behalf of the Council
Your Excellency's Obedient
Humble Servant

President

[Not signed]

Col^{o} Allan's Letter.

Machias Novr 29th 1779

Sir

My last was of the 15th Ins^{t} by Capt James, giving their Honors an account of my arrival here with the Indians, with some matters which had taken place. There may appear some Contrediction in my last Letters Respecting my want of men to defend this Post, and at the same time dismissing the Militia, But my reason for doing the Latter was by the few I had not sufficient to keep Centrys, & being obliged to keep fire on Acct. of the Severity of the Weather in the Fort, put it in much Danger, as these appeared not Equivalent

should any Accident happen — they allso refused doing allmost any Duty, Upon Examining the Accounts, I find a great Expence Attending the Arm'd Schooner Neashquowoite, partly owing to her detention when to the Westward, I think it Expedient for the present to lay her up till I know the further Intention of Government,— I shall allso thro^w off every Expence that the Service will any way admit off,— My Chief dependance at present is the Indians who keeps very peaceable, as yet, I have been Detained going along shore with them, on Acc^t of the Situation of this place, as it requires my steady Attendance to keep the Indians Spirits up that is here,— I send the Speech made by Biese Tomma on his renouncing any Connections with Britains, which he desired me to forward to their Honors with his Sincere Affection & Love — The Indians are still high in their conjectures that the Canadians will be this way before Spring —

I am with the Utmost Respect & Esteem Sir

Your most Obedient and verry Hble Servt

J Allan

The Hon"ble Jeremiah Powell Esqr

Benj^r Thrasher's Petition.

To the Honble Council & Hon^l House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

The Petition of Benjamin Thresher of Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland It Humbly shews —

That some time in the Year 1776 a Fort & Battery was erected on his Land at Spring Point in said Town by which great damage has arrived to your Petitioner.

The ground has been broken up — Fences destroyed — & Land laid common which has prevented him from making that improvement & use thereof which he formerly did. He

is willing to suffer everything for the good of the Public which may be deemed necessary, but he humbly thinks your honours will not expect he should be so far injured in his property, as he has been by the building the above mentioned Fortresses without any compensation & therefore humbly prays that your honours would take his Case into consideration, & grant him such recompense therefor, as your honours should judge reasonable

And as in duty bound he will ever pray

Benjn Thrasher

This may Certify that the Damage Done to Lieu^{t} Benjamin Thrashers land fence &c was apprized at £300 Said Damage done by building a Fort on Spring point Cape Elizabeth October 19th 1779

Attest
George Deake — Selectmen of
George Strout — Cape Elizabeth

Warning to Voters of Boothbay.

Lincoln S^{s} in the Name of the Government and people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay Send Greetting To the Constable of the Town of Boothbay. You are Commanded forthwith to warn all the Inhabit^{ts} of this Town Qualified to Vote in Town Meetting that they assemble themselves at the Meetting House on Tuesday the foreteenth day of this Instant Month at ten o'clock in the fore noon then & there 1^{ly} To Choose a Moderator to Regulate Said Meetting 2^{ly} To see if the Town will Send a Petition to the Great and General Court of this State: to See if they will take into their confederation and appoint a committee to Examine into the

State of the Town as to Town affairs: also Respectting Commitees and Malitia affairs of this Town this above Meetting called by desire of forteen of the Inhabitants of said Town.

Givn under our hands this first day of Decem^{r} A. D. 1779

by Virtue of the above warrant
directed to me by the Select

Edwd Emerson Select
W^{m} McCobb Men

Men I warn all the Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town Meettings, to meet at place and time above mentioned

Sam^{ll} Brier Constable

Resolve on petition of Samuel White.

State of Massachusetts

In the House of Representatives Decem^{r} 2^{d} 1779

On the Petition of Samuel White praying Leave that a judgment of the Inferior Court for the County of Lincoln against him in Favours of David Gilman & others given at the last Term of said Court may be set aside—

Resolved that the same judgment & the report of the Referees in said case be set aside & annulled & if any Writ of Possession or Execution has issued thereon that the same be stayed & that the Action on which the judgment is founded be brought forward to the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Lincoln as if the fame had been regularly continued thereto from the last Term & the same Proceedings had thereon, as by law the parties are entitled to, the said judgment notwithstanding provided the said White cause the said Gilman & others to be served with

an attested copy of this Resolve Sixty Days before the first day of the next Term of said Court —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk

In Council Decem^{r} 3^{d} 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to

Jere Powell	B. White	E Cutts
A Ward	Sam Niles	N Cushing
W Spooner	J Stone	O Prescott
Caleb Cushing	J Simpson	N Goodman
S Adams	Aaron Wood	Thos Durfee

Letter of Jno Lewis.

Sir, When I rec^{d} your order to Collect & forward the Blankets I had not rec^{d} one. I immediately Sent to all the Towns in the Easterly part of the Country, & wrote to the man I had appointed in the Westerly part to take in the Clothing, to write to those Towns, I endeavoured to possess them of the necessity of procuring them & that forthwith, yet notwithstanding all my Solicitude I have not been able to procure more than fourteen in this part of the County, All which I had from Harpswell, I have heard from most of the Towns in the Westerly part of the County but don't learn that they have got many, neither do I expect many more in the Easterly part,

I send you a Roll of Blankets Containing the fourteen above mentioned to Capt Jonathan Lock, I hope my not being able to procure more will not prevent your receiving these, I expect some more which I shall forward, there is

but little wool in this part of the Country the order for Blankets came so late that most of it was otherways disposed of, I should be glad if I might have orders for forwarding all the other clothing by water, which would be a very great Saving to the State. I am, Sir, Your very Humble Servt

North Yarmouth Decr 3 – 1779 Jno Lewis

P. S. Please to send me a Rect to Capt Lock

Resolve of Genl. Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Decr 3 1779

Resolved that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to receive and pass all the acts of the officers and other persons who have supplyed the Army on the late Expedition to Penobscot, or while occupying aney post after the retreat, Said Board of War to Call for propper vouchers to each act they shall so pass, & if vouchers Cannot be obtained, the Said accountant to be put upon his oath respecting the Justice of the Charges not so voucht — Said Board of War is hereby directed & empowerd to receive or pay aney Ballances which may be due on the Settlement of the aforesaid Accounts

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk

In Council Decr 3d: 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to

Jer Powell	Sam Niles	Aaron Wood
A Ward	B White	Thos Durfee
W Spooner	N. Cushing	J Simpson
Caleb Cushing	O Prescott	N Goodman
S Adams	J Stone	E. Cutts

Report of Committee for Coxhall and Sanford.

State of Massachusetts Bay

The Committee of both Houses appointed by the General Court to Repair to Sanford and Coxhall to View the same and to Say in what manner Coxhall ought to be Incorporated, and whether any of the Land, Incorporated within the bounds of Sanford — ought to be Incorporated with Coxhall have Notified the parties attended the Service Viewed the Premises, heard the parties and ask Leave to Report, that Coxhall be Incorporated by the Following Bounds — Viz, Beginning on the Western side of Mousom River at a pitch Pine stump on the Edge of the Bank of P. River & on the head line of Wells and to run from thence North Easterly on the head line of Wells and Arundell Six miles untill it Comes within four Miles of Saco River, to an Oak Island so called, thence from said Arundell line, on a line, on a Northwesterly Course Continuing at the Distance of four Miles from s^d^ Saco River and paralell thereto, back into the Country, Six mile and One Hundred and Twenty Rods, and from thence to a Hemlock tree marked on four Sides, about Forty rod to the Northward of a Pond called Swan Pond from thence across said Pond excluding about two thirds thereof on a Southwest Course untill it Comes to the line on the NorthEast side of the Town of Sanford, and from thence South Easterly on a Strate line to the bounds on the Head of Wells began at, which bounds will Include about five Thousand acres of Land which is included in the Eight mile Square, Incorporated in a Town by the Name of Sanford

all which is Submitted

Edwd Cutts p^r^ order

N. B. the Committee to be paid as the General Court Shall Order —

In Council Dec^{b} 6th 1779
Read & Accepted
Sent Down for Concurrence
John Avery D Sec'y

In the House of Representatives March 24, 1780
Read & concurred
John Hancock Spk^{r}

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	T Danielson	N Cushing
W. Sever	D Davis	Jno Pitts
A Ward	J Simpson	

Resolution of the House of Representatives.

In the House of Representatives Decr 7th 1779

Resolved that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to prepare the Accounts of the Expenditures by this State made on the Expedition to Penobscot, & to lay the same with the proper vouchers before the major part of the Council of this State. And it is further resolved that the President of the Council be and he hereby is Requested, as soon as may be after the said accounts with their vouchers shall be laid before the major part of the Council, to forward the same to Congress, & in behalf of this State to request an allowance & reimbursement of s^{d} Expences

Petition of Committee of Safety to Genl Court.

To the Honorable Council & Honorable House of Representatives State Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled —

The Petition of the Committee Correspondence Inspection & Safety for the Town of Boston Humbly Sheweth —

That your Petitioners have received a Letter from Col° Allan at Machias which is herewith annexed, representing the Dangerous Consequences resulting from a Toleration granted by this Honorable Court to certain Persons to settle their Affairs in Nova Scotia; under Cloak of which Liberty, some People highly inimical to the well being of these States & others at best of but dubious characters, have taken undue Advantages of such Licence & carried on a most unwarrantable & unlimited Traffick with Our Enemies —

Your Petitioners therefore would humbly suggest to Your Honor as the Supreme Guardians of our Rights whether it is not highly expedient that a total & entire stop be put to such undue Commerce which most evidently tends to vitiate if not intirely eradicate the Genuine Principles of Liberty that first originated & still invigorate the present Glorious Contest.

By Order of the Committee Correspondence
Inspection and Safety

John Simpkins Ch^r^man

Boston Decem^r^ 8, 1779 —

In the House of Representatives Dec 21 – 1779

Read & committed to the Committee on Coll Allans Letters which were read the 15th current

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council Decr 21^s^ 1779 John Hancock Spk^r^

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Board of War to Capt. Jos. Ingraham.

War Office, Boston, Decr 10th 1779

Sir/

You being Master of the Lincoln Galley are to proceed with the first fair Wind for Weymouth, on your Arrival

there you are to purchase a load of Wood on the best Terms you can, for which purpose the Board have furnished you with three hundred Pounds for which you are to be accountable — You will make all the dispatch in your Power —

We are Your Friends &c

By Order of the Board

S P Sav'g Pre

Capt Jos Ingraham

I acknowledge the above to be a true Copy of my Orders received from the Board of War & promise to govern myself accordingly —

Jos Ingraham

State of Massachusetts Bay

Report on J. Allen's Letters.

State of Massachusetts Bay Decem 1779

The Committee of both Houses on the letters from Col° John Allen respecting the raising men for the defence of Machias, and supplying the Indians; and of the ill-licit trade carried on by Cap' James Littlefield with the Enemy under cover of a protection from the General Court to bring certain effects from Nova Scotia, and the representation thereof from the Committee of Correspondence &c for the Town of Boston; and also the letter from Brigadier General Cushing for men for the defence of Camden, report as their opinion.

That from the force of the Enemy now at Penobscot, there is not great reason to expect a sudden incursion on the Eastern Counties at this season of the year: but if this should not be the case, the difficulty of raising men soon for their defence, and the impracticability of procuring provisions to support them if raised constrain your Committee to report that the consideration of raising men for the purposes afore-

said be referred to the next Session of the General Court. Your Committee apprehending it of very great importance to retain the Indians in the interest of these States, report a resolve & the annexed Schedule of supplies, accompanying this report, to be sent by the Board of War to Col° Allen for that purpose. Your Committee are also of opinion that the exertions of Col° Allen to prevent trade being carried on with the Enemy is laudable, and that he & any Officer under him is intitled to the protection of this Court, & therefore report a Resolve for the defence of Major George Stillman, who apprehended & detained Capt James Littlefield by order of said Allen. All which, with the aforesaid resolves, are submitted

Joseph Simpson p Order

In Council Dec 23d 1779

Read and Sent down

John Avery D Sec'y

Order of Genl Court.

In the House of Representatives Decr 15 – 1779

Orderd that Genl Lovell, The Honble Mr Pickering & Capt Lovejoy, with such as the Honl Board shall join, be a Committee to consider the four letters of Coll Allan dated Sept 24, Octr 20, Novr 10 & Novr 15 1779 and also the Letter of Brigadr Charles Cushing of ye 2d current — & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr

In Council Decr 16th 1779

Read & Concurred and Joseph Simpson and John Pitts Esqrs are joined

John Avery D Secy

Report of Committee in re Richard Hopping.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Decr 20th 1779

The Committee appointed to Examine the accounts of Richard Hopping who was wounded on Board the Arm^{d} ship Vengonec in the late Expedition to Penobscot have attended that service and begg Leave to Report by way of Resolve —

Resolved that there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this State to Richard Hopping a wounded seaman in the service of this State in the Late Expedition to Penobscot the sum of two Hundred and twelve pounds in full to enable him to pay the charge ariseing in consequence of his wound — Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk.

In Council Decr 20, 1779

Read & Concurred John Avery D Sec'y Day —

Consented to

Jere Powell	S Adams	D. Davis
A Ward	J Fisher	Sam Niles
Caleb Cushing	B. White	Jno Pitts
W Spooner	J. Stone	Thos Durfee
T. Cushing	Aaron Wood	J Simpson

1779 State of Massathusts Bay Dr.

To Mary Hopping of Newbury Port for Bording Richard Hopping Twelve weeks from the 29 of August to the 21 of November at Fifteene pound pro week — — — £180–0–0 he being wounded on bord the Vengeance armd vessel in the Penobscot Expedition

This may Certifi that Richard Hopping was a Volunteer to Penobscot on board the Ship Vengeance & was there Wounded by a Shot from the Enemy

Newburyport Novr 9th 1779 Thos Thomas

Petition of Wm Vernon et al.

To the Honble Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

The Navy Board of the Eastern Departm^t^ Humbly Shew That Capt Harker of the Continental Sloop Providence did on the 17th July last Lend to Col Josiah Brewer for the use of the Troops on the Penobscot Expedition, five hundred weight of Bread belonging to the Navy, which Bread they pray your Honour to direct may be returned to them.—

Wm Vernon
I Warren

Boston Dec 21, 1779

Report on petition of Jonathan Fuller et als.

The Committee of both Houses, to whom was referred the Consideration of the Petition of Jonathan Fuller & others, take leave to report the following resolve

S Fuller of Boston.

Whereas it appears to this Court that John Carlton the person named in the Petition afores^d^ hath not complyed, with the resolve of this Court for leasing out Absentees Estates; which appears by the Deposition of the Agent on the Estate of David Phips Esq: And that he the said John is not a legal Lessee of the Estate aforesaid therefore

Resolved that the Petition of the afores^d^ Jonathan Fuller & others, be so far granted that the said Jonathan, shall have the improvement of the Estate afores^d^ During the term of one year, ending the first Day of April 1780 he the said Jonathan paying to the said Agent the necessary charges that have arisen by the vendue for leasing out the same, and also

the sum of ninety three pounds on or before the Expiration of said term, also all taxes imposed on said premises during the term aforesaid —

In Council Dec 23d 1779

Read & accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y

In the House of Representatives Decr 24 — 1779

Read & concurred

John Hancock Spkr

Consented to —

Jere Powell	B White	D Davis
W Spooner	J Stone	Jno Pitts
Caleb Cushing	Sam Niles	Aaron Ward
H Gardner	J Simpson	Thos Durfee
J Fisher	A. Fuller	N Goodman

Resolve of Genl Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Decemr 23d 1779

On the Petition of Colo Alexander Campbell shewing That a Number of the Militia of the Eastern part of this State between Penobscot & Machias were in actual service on the Expedition against the Enemy in Possession of Bagaduce; By order and under the Command of General Lovell and prays that the officers of said Militia may be ordered to make up their Rolls for two months Service for the reasons mentioned in said Petition

Resolved that Captain Daniel Sullivan be and hereby is directed to make up his Roll for two Calender months and Captain John Hall for one Calender month agreable to a

Resolve of this Court of September 17th 1779 — for paying the several Detachments from the Militia and those ordered by the Honble Council for the Expedition at Penobscot

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk

In Council Decr 23^d 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Boston August 6, 1781

Consented to

Jere Powell	J Fisher	Aaron Wood
A Ward	B White	Thos Durfee
W. Spooner	J Stone	N Goodman
Caleb Cushing	Sam Niles	H Gardner
T. Cushing	J Simpson	D Davis
S Adams	A. Fuller	

Deposition of Nathaniel Thwing.

The Deposition of Nathaniel Thwing of Lawful Age, who testifieth & saith that on the 22^d day of March last he this Deponent saw a resolve of the Great & General Court of this State, which passed the seventeenth day of February last, Published in the Newspaper directing all Agents to the Estates of Absentees to lease out s^d Estates at Publick Vendue to the highest bidder for the term of one year from the first day of April, that in consequence of s^d resolve, he this deponent immediately put up an advertizment notifying the leasing out the Estate of David Phipps Esqr an Absentee lying in Woolwich (on which Estate one Mr Jon^a Fuller then & for a number of years past has lived & improved the same) endeavoring as much as possible to comply with s^d

resolve, though it was impossible for this deponent fully to comply with s^{d} resolve, as there could not be fourteen days notice given from the time this deponent first saw s^{d} resolve, to the first day of April the sale was therefore notifyed to be on the thirteenth day of April which was as soon as it could conveniently be done, and on the said thirteenth day of April, one John Carlton appeard at the Vendue & bid upon the place as high as ninety three pound, when it was struck off to him for that sum, but the s^{d} John Carlton refused to pay & to this day still refuses to pay the s^{d} Ninety three pound or any part thereof so that the s^{d} Jon^{a} Fuller still improves the same, this Deponent really believes that the s^{d} John Carlton bid upon the place not because he wanted it himself but purely to distress the s^{d} Jonathan, & further saith not

Nathl Thwing

Resolve of Genl Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Decem^{r} 27 1779

Whereas the Resolve of this Court of Septem^{r} 17th 1779 for making an Establishment for the troops, that lately served in the Expedition to Penobscott — did not provide any mode of obtaining the fire Arms delivered out on said Expedition Therefore Resolved

That the several officers who received any State Arms stand chargeable With the same And are hereby directed to call for said arms from the soldiers to whom they were delivered, and return the same to the Brigadier of the County to which they belong. And the said Brigadiers are hereby directed to receive the same and store them untill the further order of this Court

A Receipt from the Brigadier that the Arms were delivered shall be considered as a proper voucher to the Committee on Muster rolls who are directed not to pass any rolls unless such Receipts are produced

And the Commisary of Ordinance lately on said Expedition is directed to furnish the Committee on muster rolls with coppys of all the receipts he received for the fire Arms so delivered by him — And where any of the Aforesaid arms were actually lost in the service, a certificate of the same being produced to the committee on Muster rolls under oath — it shall also be considered as a proper voucher

And whereas part of the militia detacht for the aforesaid Expedition did not march to the place of Action, but came in as guards to the sea Coasts after the retreat Expecting thereby to attone for their past offence — be it therefore further Resolved that said militia be Cashiered for their wages any resolve to the contrary not withstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council Dec 31st 1779

Read & Concurred as taken into a New Draught

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y.

In the House of Representatives Jany 5, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Hancock Spk^r

Consented to —

Jere Powell	J Fisher	A Fuller
A Ward	B White	J Simpso n
W Spooner	T. Danielson	Thos Durfee
Caleb Cushing	D Davis	Aaron Wood
S. Adams	Oliver Prescott	N Goodman

Address of Pierre Tomma, Chief of St Johns.

Pierre Paul Interpreter
Pierre Tomma, Chief of St Johns,
Brother,

By the Grace of the Almighty, who Conducts all his People we are permitted to meete togeather at this place where we formerly did our Undertakings,—The Old men, the Sachems, the Captains & the Young men Salute, all the Officers & Gentlemen here present as well as all the rest of the Americans—

Brother, You now see we have Complyed with the request you made when on St Johns, & all those who are with me have come, & are ready for any thing you may order us to do—

Brother, When you sent for me before I was ready to obey your Commands in behalf of America, I am now come, & left all I have, and depend on you for our Subsistance for something to Eat, & to keep our backs Warm,—

Brother, some Difficultys arose between you & me when I was on St Johns, But I assure you any thing I did was through fear, as our Situation was such as the Enemy Cou'd Distroy us & our Familys—I am now Come to obey you in any thing for the Good of America & the Thing of France you may order,

Brother you are Sencible I am not Acquainted with writing and Reading—I did Receive Letters from the Britains, I went & meet them, but never acted any thing against the Americans,—but any thing I did was thro fear, as I was old & infirm, & for fear of their hurting me & family I was on the River & Loath to leave what I had, I only acted as I see many Americans, at this Day, that is to keep peace on both sides, but my heart was for America,—

Brother, When I was on the Road half way to Meete you, an Express over Took me, from some of our Colour who entreated us not to Come & Join you, but Continue on the River where we was, & remain friends to Britain & with our Brothers who were friends with them — & not to Come to you, & fight against Britain & them,— I in answer mentioned that I was attach'd to America & General Washington as well as our old Allie's the French, & was Determined to Come, for which reason you now see me here, ready with all here to do any thing for the Good of America,—

Brother, I forgot to Mention something more respecting this Express, they said it was a pity that as we were the same Colour & Religion, for us to Take up the Hatchet for America, as then we must fight against them — and shoud be Compelled to Kill one another,— that the Britains wou'd be friends to us & Give us whatever we stood in Need off,—

Brother, I now have repeated over what I have to say respecting News,— I now have to mention respecting our Situation,— We have Come here to Join you, all we Desire is to have some support, We have no body to look too but you, to Assist us in whatever we stand in need off —

Brother, You see our Situation, & you must Know it — we are now like Birds lett out of a Cage & Depend on people who are better Acquainted with the world then ourselves — You know the Nature of Indians, they often Ask for more then is promised them — their Demands likely will be Great, but we depend on you to Give what you think is absolutely Necessary —

Brother, I must again repeat to you respecting our Situation, there is a number of Old people among us who must be supported — if there shoud not any thing Come Down this fall, if you Lett us Know it in Time we will send the

Young Men a hunting for Subsistence — But the Old ones must be Round you & supported at all Events —

Brother, We have now Risen from our Beads & left our former Place of a bode & come to Join you for the Reguard we had for America & the King of France, and hope by the blessing of God that we shall be preserved thro' all our Difficultys & Distresses, which Doubt not we shall be able to go thro' by the Assistance you will afford us —

Brother, I forgot further to mention, People may have an odd opinion of us, for our being off a Different Principle of Religion, but we Act from Principle, & must beg you will do your Endeavour to get a Priest from our old Father the King of France to settle among us, so that we may have every thing Done According to our own manner of Religion,

Brother, this is all I have to say at this Time —

The foregoing was Literally Interpreted

Attest

Ja^s Avery, Sec^y to Sup^r Int^n Eas^n Dep^t

In Council Dec 27th 1779

Read & sent down

John Avery D Sec'y

Petition of Samuel Freeman.

To the Honble Council and Hon^bl House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Samuel Freeman at the direction of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cumberland — humbly shews —

That Several Gentlemen being chosen by a meeting of Committees of the several Towns in said County, represented the same at a Convention held at Concord in July last, and being so chosen the said Court of Sessions judge it reason-

able that their Time & Expence shoud be paid out of the County Treasury — They therefore pray that Your Honours would pass a Resolve to enable them to adjust the Accounts of the Time & Expence of the said County Representatives & order payment thereof out of the said Treasury accordingly And your Petitioner in their behalf will ever pray.

Sam[l] Freeman

Boston Nov 12, 1779

Order of General Court.

In the House of Representatives Dec[r] 15, 1779

Ordered that Coll Dawes & M[r] Davis of Boston with such as the Hon[ble] Board shall join be a Committee to consider what further application is necessary to be immediately made to Congress respecting the insupportable Losses, on account of the failure of the Penobscot Expedition —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council Dec. 16th 1779

Read & Concurred and Thomas Cushing Esq[r] is joined

John Avery D Sec[y]

Petition of Sartell Alexander.

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Hon[ble] The Council & house of Representatives, In Generall Court Assembled at Boston Decemb[r] 25th A D 1779

The Petition of Sartell Alexander of Penobscot Township N° 1 Humbly Shews

That your petitioner soone after the British Troops Landed at Penobscutt was Compelled Either to take the Oath of Alegance to the Brittish King or him self and family to be Captivated & his substance distroyed Did take said Oath,

but as soone as the Troops from this State arrived there he readily Joyned them, concientiously believeing that the said oath which he was Compelled To Take was not binding upon him with which Troops your Petition served untill there Defeate & has Since been oblidgd to remove from those Parts with his family being a wife & Three small Children all which are now in the Town of Boston without any house to Cover there heads or anything to support themselves and must suffer & Even Perish without Some Immediate relief, your Humble Petitioner therefore prays this Hono^ble^ Court to Take his Deploreable Case under your wise Consideration and Grant him such relief as to you in your Known Goodness shall seem meet & your Petition^r^ as in duty bound Shall Ever pray &c

Sartell Alexander

Petition of Alexander Campbell.

To the Honble the Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled at Boston December 1779 —

The Petition of Alexander Campbell

Humbly sheweth,

That Whereas a Number of the Militia of the Eastern part of this State, between Penobscot and Machias were in Actual Service on the Expedition against the Enemy in possession of Bagaduce; By order, and under the Command of General Lovell: and from and after the time the Enemy took Post there, the said Militia were under a Continual Alarm while in very difficult Circumstances, and in the most precious Season of the Year (the time of Harvest) untill the American Expedition took place; and for a long time

after the unhappy and Unfortunate Defeat of our Troops in that Quarter, the Militia and Inhabitants of that Country were Reduced to every difficulty and distress that may or can be exprest: But Notwithstanding their Deplorable Circumstances, their Attachment to the Cause and Liberties of their Country were such as Animated the People to the greatest Vigilence and Fortitude in their Countrys Cause, while under every disadvantage and discouragement, from the Art Insinuation and Power of the Enemy, and from those Exertions they still hold possession of every part of said Country Except those places which were first Subjected on the Arrival of the Enemy — And whereas the Monthly pay assigned by your Honors (By means of the Enormus Prices of every article of Consumption) is so very inconsiderable towards the maintenance of a Family, who needs every possible exertion for its daily subsistence, and the time of their actual service in said Expedition, Bearing so small a proportion to their Exertions & Services both before and since said Expedition and to their present alarming situation.—

Wherefore your Petitioner, who from his Connection with the said Militia in that Quarter, having the Honor more particularly to direct in their Military Operations, as well as from his own knowledge of the Facts above mentioned Humbly prays your Honors would be pleased to take their case into your wise consideration, and Grant that the officers who have made up their Rolls, may be ordered to make them up for two months instead of the time exprest in their said Rolls, more especially Capt Daniel Sullivan and his Company, who have more particularly exerted themselves (being the Frontier & Contiguous to the Enemy) on this Occasion, and which in Justice to them, myself and my Country I cannot omit mentioning, or otherwise relieve them as your

honors in your known Wisdom and Goodness may think best.—

And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray etc

Alex^r Campbell Lieut Col^o

Boston Decr 1779. of Militia

Petition of James Cargill.

To the Honble Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in New England in General Court Assembled December 27, 1779

The Petition of James Cargill of Newcastle in the County of Lincoln and State aforesaid

Humbly Sheweth

That He and Company in July 1775 attackt, & took a certain Sloop, called Nancy, Peleg Crooker Master, then in the Actual Service of the Fleet, and Army, employed against the United Colonies of North America: And the said Sloop at a fair Tryal, at a Maritime Court for the Eastern District of this State, held in the East Precinct of Pownalborough. was condemned, and Adjudged to the Benefitt of the Captors. And your Petitioner in Consequence of the Laws of this State, and placing his Dependance on the Publick Faith, made Sale thereof (As by Law he Judges he had a Right to do) to Messrs Whither's & Langdon, and by them said Sloop was sold to Others. That by an Order of this Court an Action was commenced against your Petitioner for the Recovery of said Sloop at the Superiour Court of Judicature and by the Reason the Same Evidences produced at the Maritime Court, could not be procured at said Tryal in the Superiour Court, he failed. And your Petitioner is now sued by said Whithers & Langdon in an Action of £10,000, and his Estate Attacht for the recovery of said Sloop, if the

said Action should go against him it will prove his utter Ruin.

Your Petitioner would recommend his Case to the Consideration of this Court, and pray the Authority of this Court to interpose for his Releif so far as shall be consistent with their Wisdom & Dignity; and allow him a hearing before this Honble Court that so he may Shew further Cause why he ought not to be thus molested, and prosecuted in the Law, when he acts on the publick Faith of the Government, pledged to those who engaged in its Defence against the Enemy And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

James Cargill

State of Massachusetts Bay.

Resolve on the Petition of Sartelle Alexander.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Decr 28, 1779

On the Petition of Sartell Alexander of Penobscot Township No 1, Praying that Some Releaf may be Granted to him to Support his Family in this Present Deploreable Case

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petition Be so far Granted as that there be Paid out of the Treasury of this State to Sartell Alexander the sum of One Hundred Pound to Enable him to support His Family through the Winter

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council Decr 28th 1779

Read & Nonconcurred

John Avery D Sec'y

In Council Jany 11th 1780

Read again & the Board reconsider their Vote of Non con-

currence passed Decr 28th last & concurr with the Honble House in their vote

John Avery D Sec'y.

Warrant drawn Jany 11th 1780

Consented to —

Jer Powell	S Adams	Thos Durfee
A Ward	B. White	Aaron Wood
W. Spooner	A. Wood	N. Goodman
Caleb Cushing	J. Simpson	A Fuller
J Fisher	O Prescott	Jno Pitts

Order of Genl Court on petition of Alexander Campbell.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Decr 28, 1779

On the Petition of Alexander Campbell Praying that a number of men containd in the Roles Exhibited With his Petition may be allowed for their services — Resolved that the men who are Mentioned in said Roles be allowed & paid the same sum that the men who were Imployed on the late Expedition to Penobscot were paid & the Committee on Muster Roles are directed to Examine & allow accordingly

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council Decr 28 1779 John Hancock Spk^{r}

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to —

Jere Powell	S. Adams	Jno. Pitts
A Ward	J Fisher	Aaron Wood
W Spooner	H Gardner	Thos Durfee
Caleb Cushing	A. Fuller	D Davis
B. White	O Prescott	N. Goodman

Resolves of Genl Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives Decr 28 1779

Whereas by the resolve of this Court of September 15th 1779 for making an Establishment for the Troops that lately served in the Expedition to Penobscott no provision is made for recovering the fire arms delivered out on said Expedition

Therefore

Resolved that the Commissary of Ordinance Employed on said Expedition be and he hereby is directed to Certifie under his hand what Number of fire arms he delivered out & to whom, with a Copy of all the receipts he received for said arms, and Lodge ye same in the Secretaries office as soon as May be That the Muster rolls May not be delayed,

Resolved That the several officers Employed in said Expedition, who received any fire arms belonging to the State, Stand Chargeable to the State for the same and are hereby directed to Call for said arms from the Soldiers to whom they were delivered & return the same to the Brigadier in the County to which they severally belong and the said Brigadiers are hereby directed to receive and store said Arms untill the further order of this Court, and give a receipt there for to such officers or men from whom they receive such Arms, which receipt shall be a proper voucher to the Committee on Muster rolls to make up the pay of such officers and privates as have received & returned the same —

and all officers in Making up their Muster rolls for the above services are hereby directed to make up pay for no officer nor private but such as Joined the army before the retreat, and to insert in their rolls which of the men therein

named (if any) have received a state fire arm and whether return'd or not return'd, and ye committee on rolls are directed that before they pass said rolls to deduct from the wages of each man who has received a fire arm & not returned it, the sum of Twenty five Pounds as payment for such arms which have been detained — and where any of ye aforesaid arms were lost in actual service, and the person who lost the same making solemn oath before some Justice of Peace or Town Clerk where no Justice Dwells (who is hereby Impowered to Administer of same) That the fire arm or arms in his possession and belonging to this State was lost in actual service, and that it never was in his power to recover of same again, and also producing a certificate thereof, under the hand of the Justice or Town Clerk who shall administer the same, such certificates shall be considered as a sufficient voucher to Indemnifie him from bearing the Loss of Such fire arm, & the Committes on Muster rolls are not to deduct from his wages, the loss of such fire arm notwithstanding

Petition of Alexander Campbell.

To the Honble the Council & Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled at Boston Decr 1779 —

The Petition of Alexander Campbell

Humbly Sheweth

That by the neglect and mistake of the officers called out to do Duty at Machias in the year 1777 : Ten persons who were there on Actual Service were Omitted being made up in any Rolls for their Services at the Time when the British Troops made the Attack at said Machias; And also that on the seven-

teenth day of December last, when the Merrisheet Schooner Laden with State Stores from Boston bound to the Garrison at said Machias, was Engaged by a British Cruiser and drove into ye mouth of Narragansus River, and stood in need of Protection, your Petitioner alarm'd and called on Duty twenty seven men officers included (of the Militia) agreeable to the Role herewith exhibited, which Men & Officers were kept on Duty as long as said Vessel continued in said Harbour, the Enemy being still on the Coast, a sufficient Guard was put on board & sent with her to Machias, and although modesty forbids my Troubling your Honor with matters so trifling considering your great hurry of Public Business, still when I consider the neglect of the Duty of Officers, will by no means make restitution to the Soldiers for his services, so Essentially necessary for the Defence of the Country — Your pet^r^ is constrained to pray your Honors will be pleased to order that the said Rolls may be paid according to the time the officers have attested thereto or otherwise relieve them as your Honors in your known Wisdom & Goodness shall think best

and as in duty bound shall pray &c

Alex^r^ Campbell Lieut Col^o^
Militia

Resolve of Genl Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives Decem^r^ 28, 1779

Whereas the Continental Navy Board in this department have represented to this Court that Capt. Harker of the Continental Sloope Providence did on the seventeenth day of July last lend to Col. Josiah Brewer then in the service of this State five hundred weight of Bread which bread has

not been returned and said representation appearing to be just and well founded —

Therefore Resolved that the Board of Wars be directed and they are hereby accordingly directed to deliver to the Continental Navy Board five hundred weight of bread in full payment for the bread borrow^{d} as afor^{d} as soon as they have it in their power so to do without essential injury to the publick service.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Decr 29th 1779

Read & Concurred John Avery D Sec'y.

Consented to —

Jer Powell	S Adams	B. White
A Ward	H Gardner	A. Fuller
W Spooner	D Davis	O. Prescott
Caleb Cushing	Jno Pitts	Thos Durfee
T Cushing	J Fisher	Aaron Wood

Statement of S. Lovell B^{r} G^{l}

Boston Decr 30th 1779

These — Certify that Col^{o} Campbell was requested to bring forward as many men from his Regiment to reinforce the Army at Bragwaduce as he Could — — —

S Lovell B^{r} G^{l} —

Resolve.

In the House of Representatives Jany 1st 1780

Resolved that the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Cumberland be, and they hereby are impowered and directed to allow and grant out of the Treasury of said County to those persons who in consequence of an

appointment thereto, by the Committees of the several towns in said County, represented the same in the Convention held at Concord in July last, a reasonable sum for their time and expence in attending that service; And to assess the Amount thereof upon the Poles & rateable estates within the said County in the same manner as they are by law directed to assess other county charges.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Jany st 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	J Fisher	N Goodman
A. Ward	D Davis	O Prescott
W Spooner	B White	Jno Pitts
T Danielson	H Gardner	G Simpson
S Adams	Thos Durfee	Aaron Wood

Petition of Jonathan Mitchell.

To the Honble the Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled at Boston —

The Petition of Jonathan Mitchell Col^{o} of the Regiment Raised in the County of Cumberland for the Penobscot Expedition — Humbly Sheweth,—

That your pet^{r} hath made up the Muster Rolls for Eight Companies in his said Regiment, but by an Order of this Honble Court he is restricted from receiving a Warrant for the foot of said Rolls, unless the Guns received by the Several Captains are accounted for.—

That your pet^{r} knows nothing about the Loss of the Guns but as your pet^{r} was sent to receive the Wages due to the

Soldiers he is willing that a Stoppage may at present be made for the Missing Guns —

And Humbly prays Your Honors would be pleased to Order that he may receive the foot of the Rolls excepting the Missing Guns —

And as in duty bound shall pray &c

Jon^{t} Mitchell

Boston 30th Decem^{r} 1779

This Certifys that I delivered for ye use of Col^{o} Mitchells Reg^{t} while at Penobscut) Eighty Eight Stand of Arms Compleat & Ninety four Cartridge Boxes

Gilbert W Speakman

Com^{g} Ordnance on ye Penobscut Expedition

War Office, Boston, Jany 3^{d} 1780

This Certifies that the Muskets, for the Penobscot Expedition were charged at £15 p^{r}

Attest Joseph Chapman J^{r} S^{y}

War Office, Boston, January 6th 1780

This Certifies that the Cartouch Boxes, for the Penobscot Expedition were charged by the Board of War at six Pounds each

Joseph Chapman Jr S^{y}

Petition of Daniel Sullivan.

To the Honble the Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled at Boston

The Petition of Daniel Sullivan Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner had the Honor to Command a Company of Voluntiers at the late Unfortunate Expedition to Penobscot and at the Request of his Company came up to Boston to make up & Exhibit his Muster Roll for payment,

which Roll the Committee on Rolls have passed, and it now lays with the Honble the Council for a Warrant on the Treasury, but their Honors are of opinion that they cannot give a Warrant payable to your petitioner, as your pet^r^ has not Orders from the Individuals of the Company to Receive their pay — Your pet^r^ would beg leave to Observe that he has made up Sundry Rolls for Services to the State, upon all which he has always received a Warrant on the Treasury for the Foot of his Muster Rolls, and afterwards paid every individual man made up in said Rolls his full Wages &c without any deduction whatever — and as the several persons made up in his present Roll live at distances from each other, And he at a great Expence & at their desire came up Solely to Receive for them their pay

He humbly prays your Honors would be pleased to Order that he may be allowed to receive the foot of his present Muster Rolls, he having no Orders notwithstanding
And as in duty bound shall pray &c

Danl Sullivan

Committee of Conference.

State of Mass^tts^ Bay

In Council January s^t^ 1780

Ordered — That Artemas Ward, Walter Spooner, Saml Adams, Jabez Fisher, & Timothy Danielson Esq^rs^ be a Committee on the Part of the Board to confer with such Committee as the Hon'ble House shall Appoint upon the Subject Matter of the Report of the Committee of both Houses appointed to consider whether an Attempt to dislodge the Enemy from the Post they hold at penobscot is practicable Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Jany 1, 1780 —

Read & concurred & the Hon^{l} Mr Paine Mr Tudor, Coll Whitney, Maj^{r} Holmes & Capt Lovejoy are appointed on the part of the House for the purpose aforesaid

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In the House of Representatives Jany 1st 1780

Orderd That Mr Gorham of Lunenburgh be of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Hon Board relative to an Expedition to Penobscot in the room of Maj^{r} Holmes excus'd

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Jany s^{t} 1780 Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Petition of James Brown.

The Honble Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

The Humble Petition of James Brown last Master of the Brigantine Samuel on the Penobscot Expedition Gentlemen

Your Petitioner being Imployd in the above unfortunate Expedition & in the Service of this State; takes the Liberty to inform your honours I am bound immediately to Sea and having not yet received any Consideration for my Services humbly Solicits your honours interposition for an immediate Settlement in order to make a future provision for my Family in my absence & your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray —

James Brown

I hereby Certify that ye above Partitioner was in the Imploy Afores^{d} & hath as yet Receiv^{d} no pay

Josh^{a} Davis Ag^{t} Trans^{port}

A Committee of Conference.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to Consider what further application is necessary to be made to Congress relative to the Penobscot Expedition have attended the service & Report that it will not be Expedient to make any further application to Congress relative to this matter untill the accounts of the Expenditures that were occasiond by said Expedition are Compleate and it will be necessary that the Board of War & the Committee on Muster Rolls be directed to Compleat the same as far as they are able with all possible Expedition & lodge them with the Secretary in order that they may be transmitted to Congress & that the President of the Council be Impowered & directed to write to Congress Solliciting that the same may be paid

T Cushing p^r order

In Council Jany 4th 1780

Read and accepted & thereupon order'd

Order of Council.

State of Mass^tts Bay

In Council Jany 4^t 1780

Ordered — That Samuel Adams, Timothy Danielson and Noah Goodman Esq^rs be a Committee on the part of the Board to confer with such Committee as the Hon'ble House shall appoint upon the Subject Matter of the Propriety of Ordering a Court Martial to set upon the Tryal of Col° Jonathan Mitchell & Lieut. Col° Paul Revere of the Artillery who were employed upon the late Penobscot Expedition.

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Jany 4, 1780

Read & concurred & Coll. Hutchinson Coll Whitney & Coll Brown are appointed on the part of the House for the purpose abovementioned

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Report of Committee.

That it is the Unanimous Opinion of the Committee of Conference appointed to consider the propriety of ordering a Court Martial to set upon the trial of Col^{o} Jonth Mitchell, and Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Paul Revere of the Artillery, who were employed upon the late Penobscot Expedition that there is no sufficient Reason why a Court Martial should be Ordered for that purpose and that a Committee of both houses of the Genl Assembly should be appointed to prepare a proper Resolve accordingly

Resolve of Genl Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 5th 1780

On the Petition of Jon^{a} Mitchell Coll^{o} of a Regiment raised in the County of Cumberland for the Penobscot Expedition, praying that he May be Empowered to Receive the foot of his Rolls for s^{d} Regiment deducting the Guns & Cartridge boxes Dl^{d} s^{d} Regiment

Resolved that the Prayer of his Petition be Granted, & the Council are hereby Requested to Grant s^{d} Mitchell a warrant on ye Treasurer for the foot of his Rolls deducting the Guns & Cartridge Boxes Dl^{d} S^{d} Regiment —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Jany 5^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer. Powell	B White	N Goodman
A. Ward	J Fisher	A. Fuller
W Spooner	O Prescott	Jno Pitts
Caleb Cushing	D Davis	Aaron Wood
S Adams	J Simpson	
H Gardner	Thos Durfee	

Capt Richd Trevet Naval Officer for the Port of York.

In the House of Representatives

Jany 5 1780

The House by ballot made choice of Capt Richard Trevet as Naval Officer for the Port of York — for the present Year Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council January 5th 1780

read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	J Fisher	Thos Durfee
A Ward	B White	T Danielson
J Cushing	D Davis	Jno Pitts
Caleb Cushing	O Prescott	J Simpson
W Spooner	Aaron Wood	N Goodman

Order to stay proceedings in suit vs. Major Stillman.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Whereas it appears to this Court, that a Certain Vessel commanded by James Littlefield was lately seized at or near Machias by Major George Stillman in Consequence of

Orders from Col° John Allan the Commanding officer there on Suspicion of her being employed in an illicit Trade with the Enemy; & the said Vessel has since been libelled & Trial remain to be had touching the Premisses, in the Maritime Court in the Eastern Department — And whereas the said Littlefield hath commenced a Suit in Law against the said Stillman for Damages accruing from the Detention of his Person & Vessel as aforesaid — Therefore Resolved that the said Action or Suit against the said Stillman be stayed til the Tryal aforesaid in the Maritime Court Shall be had & determined, a Copy of the proceedings of the said Court be laid before the General Assembly for further Consideration

Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth.

In the House of Representatives

Jany 5th 1780

The House by ballot made choice of Mr Thomas Child as Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth for the present Year Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council January 5th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	B White	T Danielson
A. Ward	Aaron Wood	Jn° Pitts
W Spooner	Thos Durfee	J Simpson
Caleb Cushing	D Davis	N Goodman
J Cushing	J Fisher	Oliver Prescott

Resolve directing the Board of War.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 5 1780

On the Petition of Daniel Wright, praying he may be allowed & paid for a Certain Sloop, which was his property, and was taken from him, by Capt Johnson of the Arm^{d} Brig^{t} Pallas & Employed on the Expedition at Penobscot & was afterwards destroyed with ye rest of the Vessells on that Expedition —

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petition be so far granted, as that the Board of War be & they are hereby directed to Settle with & allow s^{d} Wright, what they think Just & reasonable for S^{d} Sloop her appurtenances & Boat —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Jany 5th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jere Powell	S Adams	O Prescott
A. Ward	D Davis	N Wood
W Spooner	J Fisher	Thos Durfee
T Cushing	Caleb Cushing	J Simpson
T Danielson	B White	Jno Pitts

Resolve of General Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jan. 5, 1780

Whereas it is of great consequence to prevent trade being carried on between the Inhabitants of these States and the Enemy, therefore resolved that any civil prosecution that

has or may be, levied against Major George Stillman in consequence of orders from Col° John Allen of Machias for apprehending and detaining Capt James Littlefield for trading with the Enemies of this or the United States be stayed until further orders of the General Court

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock, Spk^r

In Council Jany 6th 1780

Read & Concurred as taken into a New Draught

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y

In the House of Representatives Jany 7 1780

Read & Concurred

John Hancock Spk^r

Consented to:

Jer Powell	B. White	T. Danielson
A Ward	H. Gardner	Jn° Pitts
W. Spooner	J. Fisher	Aaron Wood
Caleb Cushing	O. Prescott	Thos Durfee
T. Cushing	J Simpson	N. Goodman

Resolve directing the Board of War.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 5th 1780

On the petition of Peleg Wadsworth Esqr

Resolved, that the Board of War be, and hereby are directed, to deliver Peleg Wadsworth Esq. Seven Axes, fifteen pounds of Iron, one hundred and ninety eight pounds of Pot Iron, Six beef Barrels, three quires of paper, one blank book contain'g three quires of paper, fifty seven & half bush Salt [A] which said Wadsworth delivered to Waterman Thomas Esqr Com^y & Q Master at Camden for the use of

the Troops at that Port Aug 30, 1779. the said Commissary Thomas to Account with the Board of War for said Articles

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council Jany 10th 1780

Read & Concurred with an Amendment at A

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y

At A insert deducting the Customary Freight and wastage and to deliver Home made Salt in lieu thereof or Foreign Salt in proportion —

In the House of Representatives Jany 11 — 1780

Read & concurred

John Hancock Spk^r

Consented to —

Jere Powell	J Fisher	J. Simpson
A. Ward	B White	Jno Pitts
W. Spooner	D. Davis	Thos Durfee
Caleb Cushing	O Prescott	Aaron Wood
T Cushing	T. Danielson	N Goodman

The Petition of Peleg Wadsworth.

To the Whole Court

The Petition of Peleg Wadsworth humbly Shews that in August last he lent to the Commissary & Quartermaster at Cambden for the Use of the Troops at that Port Sundry Articles hereafter mention'd & as your Petitioner is in want of them again he humbly prays your Honours would order s^d Articles to be replaced to him in Boston & your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

Peleg Wadsworth

Boston 5th Jany 1780

Deliver'd to Waterman Thomas Esqr Comissary & Quart^{r} M 30th Augt 1779

7 Axes. 15 ^{lb} Iron. 198 ^{lb} Pot Iron. 6 Beef Barrels. 3 Quires Paper. 1 Blank Book, containing 3 Quires Paper. 57½ Bushels Salt.

Peleg Wadsworth

Naval Officer for the Port of Penobscot.

In the House of Representatives Jany 5 1780

The House by ballot made choice of Capt Nicholas Crosby as Naval Officer for the Port of Penobscot for the present Year

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council January 5th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	J Fisher	T Danielson
A Ward	B White	Jno Pitts
W Spooner	D Davis	J Simpson
Caleb Cushing	O Prescott	Thos Durfee
J Cushing	Aaron Wood	N Goodman

A Grant of £200,000 to the Board of War.

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives — The Board of War beg leave to represent —

That in the Schedule which they had the Honor to lay before the House in September last they stated the price of Provisions at less than half the present rate and Cloathing

for the Officers at not more than one sixth part of what they are now obliged to give —

This enormous and rapid increase (and still increasing) rise of those Articles has almost exhausted the Grants made us by the Honble Court in their former Sessions and if still to be prosecuted will require a very large and speedy supply the Board therefore submit to your Honors the making such further grants as may be necessary for carrying into effect the several Orders with which we have the Honor to be intrusted, before the Court goes into a recess

John Browne pr Order

Report of Committee relative to accounts to be submitted to Congress.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 7th 1780

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the report of the Committee of both Houses respecting the necessity of making application to Congress relative to the Penobscot Expedition are of the oppinion that it will be inexpediant to make any further application to Congress relative to this matter untill the Accounts of the Expenditures that were occasioned by said Expedition are Compleated therefore Resolved that the Board of War the Committee on muster rolls & the Committee on Accounts be and hereby are accordingly directed to Compleat as far as they are able with all possible Expedition the Several Charges arising from the Penobscot Expedition to them respectively exhibited and Lodge them with the Secretary and that the [A] President of the Council be requested to Transmit them to Congress and also to write to Congress sollisiting

in the name and behalf of this State the payments of the same —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Jany 7th 1780

Read & Concurred with an Amendment at A viz at A dele President and insert Major Part

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y.

In the House of Representatives Jany 7th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Consented to —

Jer Powell	J Fisher	D. Davis
A Ward	B. White	Aaron Wood
W Spooner	Jno Pitts	N Goodman
Caleb Cushing	Oliver Prescott	Thos Durfee
Saml Adams	A Fuller	
T Danielson	J Simpson	

Directions to Board of War.

That the Board of War & the Committee of Muster Rolls be & hereby are accordingly directed to Compleat as far as they are able with all possible expedition & Lodge them with the Secretary & that the President of the Council be & hereby is impowered & directed to Transmit them to Congress & also to write a Letter to the Congress Solliciting, in the name & behalf of this State, the payment of ye same

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

Resolve Making an Establishment for a Chaplin.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany the 6 — 1780

Whereas it appears to this Court that their is no Establishment for the Chaplin who served in the Campain at Penobscot therefore

Resolved that their be alowed and paid out of the Publick treasury of this State to the above said Chaplin the sum of forty Pound p^{r} Calender Month in addition to the Continental pay and Rations

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

pass^{d}

In Council Jany 7th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Sec'y

Consented to —

Jer Powell	J. Fisher	J Simpson
A Ward	B. White	Jno Pitts
W Spooner	H. Gardner	Aaron Wood
Caleb Cushing	D. Davis	Thos Durfee
T. Cushing	O. Prescott	T. Danielson

Resolve directing the assessors of Fryburg.

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives Jany 6, 1780

Whereas ye Assessors of ye Town of Fryburg did not receive ye Requisition from the Genl Courts ordering them to render an Account of ye Rolls and Rateable Estate within s^{d} Town till after ye last Valuation was settled: And upon being since required thereto, the s^{d} Assessors have returned to this Court a fair List of s^{d} Polls & rateable Estate, from

which it appears that said Town is greatly injured by ye Sums at which they are Assessed in the two last Tax Acts — provided the Rateable property in s^d^ Town is set by s^d^ Assessors in a just & equal proportion according to its real worth, with ye rateable property in the other parts of ye County in which s^d^ Town of Fryburg lies — Therefore, Resolved that ye Assessors of ye Town of Fryburg be & they hereby are directed to Assess ye Polls & rateable Estate within s^d^ Town the Sums assigned to them in the Tax Act of June last — And s^d^ Assessors are directed to stay all proceedings upon ye last Tax Act till a Revision of ye Valuation shall take Place —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council Jany 6th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec^y^

Consented to —

Jer Powell	Oliver Prescott	J. Simpson
A. Ward	T Danielson	B. White
Thos Durfee	D Davis	J. Fisher
W. Spooner	Jno Pitts	N. Goodman
Caleb Cushing	Aaron Wood	A Fuller

Duplicates of Letters sent the Gen^ll^ Court

(Copy) Machias Jany 6th 1780

Sir,

My last was of the 29th Nov. before which I wrote several since I heard from the Westward, — It may be easily Conjectured the Situation I must be in, for want of Necessary supplys to support the Indians & Convince them of the Good Intention of the States, at present not but 12 Barrells Beef

& Pork & some butter to support about 400 Mouth, Butter there is in plenty, which I have been Changeing for Vigitables, have been along shore myself & done the utmost in my Power in this respect to give Satisfaction, the Greatest Advantages is taken by people & many will not even supply what is in their Power — Powder is grown Short, no Balls for their Hunt, in a word I Cannot keep them Together above three weeks at furthest, the Different Species not being regularly laid in, Consumes by it what there is most of immediately for none will Exchange or Sell but on the greatest advantage, nor Can I get anything done which Necessity may require, without giving Provisions in Lieu —

November 1st 1779

By not having matters regular the Consumption of Provisions & the General Expence makes an infinate odds — the Last supplys which arrived was not above the Third Part Voted by Court & the Amaizing prices bro't the Supplys to be in a Manner nothing to the Demand — The State of the Indians has now become Precarious, their seeing the Indigency of the Department discourages them — a Body from Canada has got on St John's who Threatens, making an Excursion this Way — Three Strange Indians were seen about Two days Journey from this who Secreted themselves, has given a great Alarm —

Intelligence I recd Authentic that Large Premiums is offered by the Government of Nova Scotia & Canada, Either to take me alive or Scalp — a Canadian Indian which is here has been Examin'd before our Indians for Threatning but pleads his Innocence, however he setts of in a few days (as he says) a hunting but pretty Certain intends for Canada — There is not a night I Lye down but I Expect to be surprized before Morning — as soon as all the Snow falls, to make it good for Snow shoes, I shall hourly Expect a

Banditee from Canada if not sooner I Trust Government will not leave me in this Situation.

Shou'd nothing interfere before the most Early break^{g} up in the Spring, and not Disagreeable to Government, I propose moving to the River St Croix or Maggaguadawaya the Boundarys between Accadia & Province of main settled formerly between the French & British Courts, the Advantages arrising I shall Communicate in my Next,—I Earnestly request a Speedy Determination respecting this Department I have the Honor to be with much respect Sir Your most obedient

Hble Servt

J. Allan

The Hon'ble Jer: Powell Esqr

In Council March 21^{t} 1780

Read & thereupon Ordered—That William Sever Esq with such as the Hon'ble House shall join be a Committee to consider this Letter and the Papers Accompanying the Same & report what may be proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Mar 22, 1780

Read & concurred & Maj^{r} Cross & Mr Stickney are joined

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Resolution of General Court on petition of Stephen Hall et al.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 9th 1777

On the Petition of Stephen Hall & Peleg Crooker—

Resolved, That Stephen Hall & Peleg Crooker, Owners of a Certain Sloop called the Nancy, burthened about eighty

tons, against which Sloop and her Cargo a Libel was filed on the 5th Day of July last, in the Maritime Court for the Eastern District of this State, by James Cargill, in behalf of himself and others; whereupon the same Sloop her Appurtenances and Cargo, were by a Decree of the same Court adjudged to be forfeit and to be distributed accordingly, have, upon their paying the Costs of Prosecution taxed in said Court, being Eight Pounds, seventeen shillings & nine pence, leave to file their Claim to the said Sloop, her Cargo & Appurtenances at the next Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize & General Goal Delivery, to be held within the District of the said Maritime Court: And the said Superior Court of Judicature, &c, are hereby impowered and directed to take Cognizance thereof, and permit the like proceedings and judgment to be had and given thereon in all respects whatever, as woud and right to have been had and given in case the said Hall and Crooker had duly filed and prosecuted their Claim to said Sloop & her Cargo in the said Maritime Court and regularly appeal'd from the judgment thereof: Provided that the said Hall and Crooker shall file their Claim in the Office of the Superior Court of Judicature &c and serve the said Cargill, or others concerned therein with a Copy of such claim, attested by the Clerk of the same Court, Thirty Days at least before the sitting of the same Court for the Trial thereof.

Sent up for Concurrence

J Warren Spkr

In Council January 9th 1777

read & Concurred

John Avery Dy Secy

Consented to by the Major part of the Council

A true Copy

Attest

Jno Avery D Secy

The Petition of William Lithgow Junr

To the Honourable the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay, humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner has had the Command of a Detachment of Men raised for the defence of the Eastern parts of this State, whose term of service expired the first day of November last & for whom he is informed no establishment has been made as yet, he therefore prays that your Honors would be pleased to fix on some Establishment respecting said Detachment before the honorable Court rises as the Troops are generally anxious to know what they are to expect for the service aforesaid; and your Petitioner will pray &c

Willm Lithgow Junr

Boston Jany 11th 1780

Resolve of Council in re allowance to Staff Officers.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In House of Representatives Jany 11 — 1780

Whereas it appears to this Court that their is no Establishment for the General and Staff officers on the Expedition to Penobscot

Resolved that their be alowed and Paid out of the Publick Treasury of this State to Each of the General and Staff officers who Served at Penobscot in addition to their Continantial Pay and Rations the Sums hear after mentioned for each Collective Month viz to the Commanding officer Ninety Pounds; to the Second in Command Seventy five Pounds, to the Chief Enginier, Surgeon General, and Commissary General, forty five Pounds; to the Adjutant General, Secretary, Quartermaster General, and Commissary of ordinance, thirty five pounds: To the Deputy Commassary of

Provisions, deputy Commassary of ordinance, and Deputy Quarter master, thirty Pounds.

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council Jany 12th 1780 John Hancock Spk^{r}

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y.

Consented to —

Jere Powell	S. Adams	J Simpson
A Ward	H. Gardner	A Fuller
W. Spooner	T. Danielson	Jno Pitts
Caleb Cushing	O. Prescott	Aaron Wood
T Cushing	B White	Thos Durfee

Report on petition of Col. Cargill.

House of Representatives Jan^{ry} 12th 1780

the Committee to whom was Reffer^{d} the Petition of Col^{o} James Cargill, praying for Allowance for himself and two Hundred & fifty men, Employ^{d} by him, in the year 1775 on an Expidition to Penobscot, in Order to Prevent the Enemy from Loading thier Vessels with wood and other Stores for the use of the British Troops at Boston — Beg Leave to Report, By Way of Resolve Resolved that there be paid out of the Publick Treasury of this State, to Col^{o} James Cargill the Sum of four thousand five Hundred pounds, in full for his Services, on Said Expedition

Pass'd in the Negative Jan^{ry} 12, 1780 J H Spk^{r}

Resolve of General Court relative to the Board of War.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 13th 1780

Whereas it appears to this Court, that the Grants made to ye Board of War, preceeding this Date, are quite inadequate

to the Purpose of carrying the Order of ye Genl Court into Execution, by reason of ye rapid Rise of ye Prices of ye Articles, they are directed to procure — Therefore

Resolved that the Treasurer of this State be & hereby is directed to pay to the Board of War of this State the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds to enable them to carry into Effect the several Orders of the Genl Court — the s^d^ Board of War to be accountable for the Expenditure of the same

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council Jany 13th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y.

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	S Adams	J Simpson
A Ward	B White	Aaron Wood
W Spooner	Oliver Prescott	D Davis
Caleb Cushing	A. Fuller	N Goodman
H Gardner	Jno Pitts	
T. Danielson	Thos Durfee	

Resolve in relation to stay of Executions vs. Town of Fryeburg.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 13 1780

Whereas the Assessors of the Town of Fryeburg have not yet received the late determenation of this Court respecting the taxes assessed on said Town Resolved that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to stay his executions against the Collectors of the town of Fryeburg

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council Jany 13th 1780

Read & Concurred with an amendment at A Viz^{t} at A 'till further Order of this Court

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y

In the House of Representatives Jany 14 — 1780

Read & concurred

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Consented to

Jer Powell	J Fisher	Jno Pitts
A Ward	B White	Thomas Durfee
W Spooner	Oliver Prescott	D. Davis
S Adams	J Simpson	A. Fuller
T Cushing	Caleb Cushing	
T. Danielson	Aaron Wood	

Petition of Col. Revere.

Gentlemen I must once more beg your Honors indulgence on a matter that so nearly affects me; it is more than four months since I was arrested by your Honors, and Ordered to give up the command of the Castle and repair to my House in Boston, and there confine my self: since which time I have received no Order, either to joyn my Corps, or repair to the Castle: the men have been Orderd to Boston, and the command of them given to Major Rice; altho I have never been deprived of the Command of the Corps, by any Order, which I have received from your Honors; Twice I have petitioned your Honors and once the House of Representatives for a Court Martial but have not obtained one. I beleive that neither the Annals of America, or Old England,

can furnish an Instance (except in despotick Reigns) where an Officer was put under an arrest, and he petitioned for a Tryal, (altho the Arrest was taken off) that it was not granted. The complaint upon which my arrest was founded, are amongst your Honors papers and there will remain an everlasting monument of my disgrace if I do not prove they are false; is there any other legal way to prove them false, than by a Court Martial? Have not I a Right to demand one? Are not fifteen of your Honors, according to the present Constitution, a Governor? and is not the Governor Captain General? and is not the Capt General the source, from which the Court Martial must be appointed? It is indiferent to me who are the members of the Court, provided they are not my personal Enemies, and are honest Men. It is reported thro the State, that I have been broke and cashered (I have heard of it more than once) and lay under every disgrace that the malice of my enemies can invent, and it will remain so till the Facts are published.

I would once more Pray your Honors that you would grant me a Tryal by a Court Martial. I further pray your Honors, that you would Order the Commissary General, to deliver me my back Rations, for by reason of my being confined to Boston, I have not been able to get any, since the last day of June, except what I drew at Penobscot. I have been maintaining a Family of Twelve ever since, out of the remains of what I have earned by twenty years hard labour; expecting every week for near four months, that my affairs would be settled, and am now brought to almost the last shilling. Your Honors taking the above into your wise consideration and granting as pray'd for will greatly oblige

Your Suffering Humble Servant

Paul Revere

Boston Jany 17 1780

Application of Major Willm Lithgow.

To the Honourable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay, The Memorial of William Lithgow Junr Sheweth,

That during his late Command at the Eastward, a small Boat considerably damaged was found on Penobscot River, which, as She belonged to one of the American Fleet destroyd there, was considered by your Memorialist as public property, & at the Expiration of his said Command was therefore deposited in the hands of a Mr William Gregory of Cambden, with instructions not to deliver her to any but by Order of Council; & as your Memorialist is at present in want of a Boat, occasioned by his own Boat being much injured in the public service in the Course of the Summer past, he therefore prays your honors that an Order of the Honble Council may issue in favor of your Memorialist impowering him or his Order to take the s^{d} Boat into possession & improve her untill wanted for public use, an indulgence which he flatters himself the Honble Council will not hesitate in granting, in consideration of his having made no charge against the State either for the use of, or the Damage done his s^{d} Boat while in the Service aforesaid, & your Memorialist will ever pray &c

Wm Lithgow Junr

Boston, Jany 19th 1780

In Council Jany 19th 1780

Read & Ordered that Major Willm Lithgow be and he hereby is impowered and permitted to take Possession of a small Boat which is now in the Hands of Mr William Gregory of Campden in the County of Lincoln & which belonged to one of the American Fleet destroyed upon the Penobscot Expedition and keep the Same in his Possession 'till further Order of Council

Attest John Avery D Secy

Petition of Alexander Campbell.

To the Honble, the Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay, in Genl Court Assembled at Boston — Jan. 20, 1780

The Petition of Alex^{r} Campbel in behalf of the Inhabitants, of the eastern Part of this State and of Col. John Allan, commanding officer at Machias,— . . —Humbly Sheweth —

That the precarious scituation of that part of State, and the department your Petitioner has the Honor to represent, compels him to lay before Your honors the peculiar circumstances of the People at large, eastward of Penobscutt, as well the perticular case of Col. John Allan, aforemention'd — More especially when Your Petitioner considers the Honble Court is very soon to adjourn, to some future day When representations or measures, may be too late for the Security, of the Country, previous to which Your honors, will please to permit your Petitioner In behalf of the people, to return his most gratefull Acknowledgements, for the favours, lately granted as well as others heretofore, Granted, & however these Indulgencies, may or ought to animate, the mind of every person, of principle, Still so long as Brittish Troops hold their Post at Penobscutt, by which means our communication, is cutt of, unless some Vigorous Exertions, take place, by which, the enemy in Said place, may be dislodged, or the Country otherway's Defended, it appears impossible for the distres^{d} Inhabitants, to repel the force they are threatned with, the Approaching Season —,

Your Petitioner begs leave further to inform your Honours, that he left the Departm^{t} At Machias the eighteenth day of Nov^{r} — last at which time, the Fort which was began Since The defeat at Bagaduce was in a proper Scituation of defence, Sufficient to contain one hund^{d} Men — With proper

Barracks, to accomodate them, that from the time of said defeat, the Garrison was Principly Supported by a Small part of militia Drawn out with the greatest dificulty.. except about Eight or ten Continental Troops, not more than what is necessary to pursue Indian affairs,—nor has it been in Col. Allens power Since he receiv'd orders so late in the year 1779 to Enlist, any Soldiers in that Country, That—Notwithstanding, there is a Strong Fort—well Scituated for the defence of the place, Sufficient of Cannon And Artillery Stores to defend it, Still there is no Troops to Guard it, in consequence of which, tis Evident the depart[t] is Supported, (& has been) By a number of Indians which Col. Allen has Collected, at and near the River Machias—How long it will be in his power, to detain them is very uncertain, as he cannot Supply them with Bread, and many other Necessaries which they are In want of—Your Petitioner, deliver'd Col: Allens Letters, and dispatches to the Hon[l] Council, the fourth of Decem[r] last, which have been laid before Your honors, and committed, the report of your Honors Committee, thereon has not yet come to View, upon the whole, your petitioners earnestly begs Your honors attention a few minuets,—

is any command[g] officer, in this State, nay I will venture to add on the Continent So unhappy, So unfortunate, and so dangerously Scituated, as Col. Allen now is,—surrounded by the Enemy on every side. Destruction threat'ned from all Quarters, from their numbers and power, possesd with every artifice, and means to insinuate—

I say may it please your honors when not only the defence of that part of the Country but a valuable Interest the property of the State, is depending on the Faith of Savages, oppos'd to the force of Britain— What can be expected, or rather what may not be Expected, but that the whole must

soon fall an easy prey, to our enemies, this must be extreemly Disagreable, to an officer of Spirit, who has fled, from Tyranny, and engaged under the Banners of America And permit me further to add, has under the most Difficult circumstances, disadvantages, and inconveniences, in every Period since he has had the honor to be concern'd in that Quarter Plentifully Prov'd his attachment to the Liberties of America Who has and Still retains, a very large Majority of the eastern Indians, in fav^r of the american Cause —

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays Your honours will be pleas'd, to take the perticular Circumstances, of the said department, as well the peculiar Scituation of that Gentleman, into your wise, and serious consideration, and take such order thereon, whereby Said Garrison may be protected And the possesion of that Country Secured to the State

And as in duty bound shall ever pray

The foregoing Petition I have laid before the house of Representatives Previous to their Rising — They directed me to withdraw the Petition, giving me this reason; that the Honble Council was Invested with sufficient Powers to determine on Any matters, Respecting the Safety of that Department,— I now beg leave to lay the same before Your honour, with this addition, earnestly praying Your Hon^rs may consider the whole matter, And order, that two Companies of men may be Immediately Rais'd from the Western parts And sent down for the protection of that — Country, otherwise in my opinion the department, is Lost, or direct your petitioner as You in Your Known Wisdom may think Best.—

Alex: Campbell
Agent for Col. Allen

Boston 20th January 1780

Order of General Court to stay proceedings against J. Cargill.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives 22 Jan 1780

Whereas at an Inferior Court of common Pleas holden at Pownalborough within & for the County of Lincoln on the first Sunday of this present month.

Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon Junr both of Pownalborough aforesaid yeomen, recovered Judgment against James Cargill of New Castle in the same county Gentleman, for the sum of thirteen thousand, one hundred & twenty three pounds, eighteen shillings Damages & twenty two pounds & sixteen shillings Costs.

Upon the petition of the said James Cargill it is of the said Judgment resolved that the Exec'n be stayed untill the third Wednesday of the next Session of this Court, and the Sheriffs of each of the Counties in this State and their respective Deputies and under Sheriffs are hereby directed and commanded in the mean time not to execute or serve any Execution of the Judgment aforesaid either on the Person or any Part of the Estate of the said James Cargill, and the said Ebenezer Whittier & John Langdon, are by the said James Cargill, to be served with a Copy hereof, to shew Cause if any they have wherefore the said Judgment should be executed

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 23^{d} 1780

Read & Concurred John Avery D Sec'y.

Consented to —

J Bowdoin	T Danielson	E Brooks
Jer: Powell	J Stone	Aaron Wood
W Spooner	A. Fuller	Saml Baker
R. T. Paine	J. Simpson	S Choate
B. White	Jno Pitts	

Letter from Mr Lovell & Gerry

Philadelphia 23rd Jany 1780

Sir

The Bearer Colo Ephraim Blaine is lately appointed Commissary General of Purchases in ye room of Colo Wadsworth, & is on a Tour to Morton to make ye necessary arrangements of his Department. He informs us that he has no Connection or Acquaintance in that Quarter, & is desirous of establishing such as will best promote ye business of his office. We conceive it of ye utmost Importance that this should be accomplished, & have taken ye liberty to recommend him, thro You Sir, to ye hona Council of ye State for advice & assistance. We have lately had ye most painful Prospects from ye Want of Provisions for the Army, but sincerely hope that ye activity & ye zeal of this officer, & ye subsequent Exertions of ye Several States will speedily furnish ye supplies required for ye ensuing Campaign — We remain sir with every sentiment of respect your most obed & very humb servts.—

E Gerry
James Lovell

Letter from Alexr Campbell.

To the Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

January 25th 1780

May it please Your Honors Not long since, I had the honor of laying before The Honble Board, the defenceless Scituation of The Country, Eastward of Penobscot as also the Peculiar circumstances of Col. John Allen Commanding Officer at Machias — I now beg Leave further to add, that I think men may Be rais'd for the defence of that Country,— on the encouragement your Honors may please to Establish,— with

such Bounties, as may be given By the several Towns, where they may be rais'd And westward of Penobscutt River — and provided an Expedition should take place against Penobscott — the men, will be ready there on the Spott, to Join the Troops,— The Expediting of This Matter, will not only encourage, the Inhabitants but Indians, and in my Opinion will Save the Country,—

is it Possible the State of Massachusetts Bay is so relax'd that a measure of this nature can by no means take place,— For the Salvation of more than one third part of the State, in extent, when the very Land Contain'd in their Boundaries will more than Defray, the whole expence of the War,— besides A number of faithfull friends to the Country have expended, the chief of Substance in the Cause — And at last Submit to the Boundless, Ravages and distruction of the inveterate Enemies Heavens, forbid, that it may be the Case And make no doubt, that your Honors on maturely considering the matter, will prevent the impending Ruin, which, otherways must inevitably, attend that part of the Country

Your Honors Goodness will Pardon me, when Your honors must be Sensible I Speak feelingly, in behalf of my Country I have represented Facts, & am perswaded That unless some Vigorous exertion's takes place Your Honours & the whole State, will feel without Redress the disagreeable Loss of That part of the State —

Upon the whole, as the feelings of humanity must effect the minds of mankind in Genl,— am Sensible Your Honors cannot hesitate in — aleviating the distresses of those who with^o The generous interposition, of your Honors Must, in the process of a little Time be renderd Truly Wreatched.—

I am with Respect Your Honor most Obt & most devoted Ser^t

Allex^r Campbell

Resolve of General Court in re Indian Supplies.

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 5th 1780

Whereas it is of very great importance that the Indians in the Eastern department be retained in the Interest of these States, therefore,

Resolved, that the Board of War be and hereby are directed to exert themselves in every possible measure to procure the following articles and send them to Colonel Allen or his Order for the supply of the Indians at Machias — Viz^{t} Five thousand pounds weight of Bread, four thousand pounds of Rice, ten Barrels of Flour — one Thousand pounds of Powder, three thousand pounds of Duck Shott — three thousand pounds of Ball Three Thousand Flints — One Hundred Blankets — Ten pieces of Strouds & Five Hundred bushels of Corn

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Jany 6th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	T. Danielson	A. Fuller
A. Ward	Caleb Cushing	J. Simpson
Thos Durfee	B. White	Jno Pitts
W. Spooner	J. Fisher	Aaron Wood
Oliver Prescott	D. Davis	N. Goodman

Enoch Ilsley to Board of War.

Falm^{o} ye 25^{t} Jany 1780

Genl^{n}

I Beg leave to acquaint your Hon^{rs} That John Lewis Esqr desired me to receive Cloathing from the select men of

this & some other Neighbouring towns in the County of Cumberland, and to pack them in Cask & Send them to Boston, to Your Hon^{rs} I have Receivd of the selectmen

of Falm^{o}	71 p^{r} shoose,—	36 shirts	& 76 p^{r} Stokins
of Gorham	12 p^{r} shoose —	15 shirts —	3 p^{r} Stokens
of Pearsontown	11 p^{r} shoose —	11 shirts —	11 p^{r} stokens
	94	62	90

All which I have packed in a hogsett & Ship'd it on Board the sloop Swan Wm Harper Master as p^{r} his Receipt Enclosd which pleas to Receive & pay the freight

I am with Due Respect Your Hon^{rs} Most Obed^{t} Humb^{l} Servt Enoch Ilsley

P. S. also Eight p^{r} More Shoose from the selectmen of Falm^{o}

The Honble Board of Warr Boston

Received of Enoch Ilsley in good Order on board the sloop Swan my self Master, One hogshead of shirts stokens & shoose, which I promise to Deliver in like good Order in Boston to the Honble Board of Warr, they paying freight for the same as Customary (Dangers of the seas Excepted) haveing signed two Receipts of this tennor & date one of which being Accomplished the other to be Void also 8 p^{r} Shoose in bundle

Willm Harper

Falm^{o} ye 21st Jany 1780

Order on Petition of Joseph Frye Esqr.

The following order passed on the Petition of Joseph Frye Esqr viz —

In the House of Representatives June 25th 1772 —

Resolved, that the Government receive back the four thousand one hundred and forty seven acres of the Land in

the West corner of the Township at Pigwacket in the County of York which was granted to the Petitioner in A. D. 1762 and confirm'd in 1763 as appears by the Plan herewith exhibited, and that in lieu thereof there be granted him the same quantity of the Governments Land as Prayed for in said Petition, with liberty to lay it out adjoining to the Northwardly or Northeastwardly part of his Township, so as not to interfere with any former grant, and that he return to this Court a Plan thereof taken by a Surveyor and Chainmen under Oath for acceptance and confirmation in twelve months from this time —

Sent up for Concurrence

T Cushing Spk^r

In Council June 26th 1772

Read and Concurred Thos Flucker Sec^y

Consented to —

T. Hutchinson

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Joseph Frye of a new Township called Fryeburg in the county of York and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Esqr Sendeth Greeting —

Whereas the great and general Court of said Province in their Session in the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred, and seventy two; In Consequence of the Petition of me the said Joseph Frye, Shewing the Necessity which I and my Associates were under of returning back to the Province four thousand one hundred and forty seven Acres of Land lying in the west corner of said Township and of having the same quantity of the said Province in lieu thereof; The said Court granted the Prayer of said Petition in the following manner viz —

"In the House of Representatives June 25th 1772

Resolved That the Government receive back the four thousand one hundred and forty seven acres of Land in the west

corner of the Township at Pigwacket in the county of York, which was granted to the Petitioner in A. D. 1762, and confirmed in 1763, as appears by the Plan herewith Exhibited; and that in lieu thereof there granted Him the same quantity of the Government's Land as Prayed for in said Petition, with Liberty to lay it out adjoining to the Northwardly or Northeastwardly part of his Township, so as not to interfere with any former grant"—which Resolve was Concurred by His Majesty's Council of said Province, and Consented to by the Governor, June 26th 1772, as by said Resolve will appear

Now Know Ye, That I the said Joseph Frye, In Consideration that my Associates are Proprietors of said Township as well as my self (tho' not equally Interested therein) and the grant of the four thousand, one hundred and forty seven acres of Land, being made more particularly to me than to Them, It cannot be divided between my Self and Them with that Propriety which the Nature of the thing justly calls for. Therefore, I the said Joseph Frye Do hereby Resign up and Surrender the said four thousand one hundred and forty seven Acres of Land to me granted as aforesaid, to the Proprietors of said Township (excepting and reserving my own Interest therein) to be divided between my self and Them with that Propriety which the Nature of the thing justly calls for. Therefore I the said Joseph Frye Do hereby Resign up, and Surrender the said four thousand one hundred and forty seven Acres of Land to me granted as aforesaid, to the Proprietors of said Township (excepting and reserving my own Interest therein) to be divided between myself and Them, in Proportion to mine and their Respective Interests in the said Township of Fryeburg, in the same manner as the four thousand one hundred and forty seven Acres of Land return'd back to the

Government would have been had it remained in said Township as it was first laid out. In Witness whereof I the said Joseph Frye have hereunto set my hand and seal the seventh Day of April in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, of Great Britain France and Ireland & Annoq Domini: one thousand seven hundred and seventy four— Joseph Frye Ls

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of
Joseph Pettengill
Tabitha Pettengill

In the House of Representatives

The Plan of four thousand, one hundred and forty seven acres of Land, granted by this Court, in their Session in June 1772 to Joseph Frye Esq in lieu of the same quantity of Land in the west corner of his Township at Pigwacket in the County of York which this Court, at the same time Resolved to receive back, was presented for acceptance. The Land Represented by this Plan, being bounded firstly to a hemlock Tree marked standing in the Northwest side Line of Said Township; Thence North 4 Deg^s East by the needle 940 Rods to a pine Tree marked; Thence North 8 Deg^s East 911 Rods to a beach Tree marked; Thence South 82 Deg^s East 100 Rods to a Spruce Tree marked; Thence South 45 Deg^s East 320 Rods to a red-oak Tree marked; Thence South 20 Deg^s East 440 Rods to a maple Tree marked; Thence Southwardly by a Bog, the westwardly side of the Pond called the upper Keezer Pond and on bog again (as by the various courses of them will, by said Plan appear) making in the whole 962 Rods to a maple Tree marked Standing in the Northeast side line of Said Township; Thence North 45 Deg^s West on said Line 140 Rods to the North corner thereof; Thence South 45 Deg^s west on the Northwest side Line of said Township 612 Rods to the first Bound; It appears

by said Plan, that within the Bounds above mentioned, is contained four thousand, four hundred sixty five acres and three quarters of an acre of Land, which is three hundred and eighteen acres and three quarters of an acre more than the Grant: And as the said Joseph Frye has admitted Associates into his Township, making them Proprietors thereof tho' not equally Interested therein; Resolved that said Plan be accepted, allowing the three hundred, eighteen acres & three quarters of an acre more than the grant for waste Land, and that the Lands described by said Plan, be and hereby are confirmed to Him the said Joseph Frye and the other Proprietors of said Township, His and Their Heirs and Assigns forever; which Land shall be accounted as part of said Township instead of the four thousand one hundred and forty seven acres which the Government Resolved to Receive back. And as this grant makes good the contents of said Township, the Division of the whole contents thereof, as the Township now is, shall be made between the said Joseph Frye and the other Proprietors thereof, according to Their respective Interests therein (They making good the four Publick Rights according to the original grant of said Township) in the same manner as the contents of it would or might have been made among them, had the Township remained as it was first Laid out Provided it doth not Interfere with any former grant. And, Also, If it shall hereafter appear that the Boundaries of said Grant contains more Land Suitable for Improvement; than is set forth in said Plan, the Land so appearing, is hereby reserv'd for this Government —

Joseph Frye Esq To Mr Samuel Phillips and Samuel Osgood Esqr

Gentlemen — I have taken leave to send you enclos'd herewith, some Papers relative to the Government's exchang-

ing some Land with me in A. D. 1772 The Paper No 1 is a Copy of the Resolve of the general Court for receiving back 4147 acres of Land in the west corner of the Township of Fryeburg, and granting me the like quantity in lieu thereof, with liberty to lay it out adjoining to the Northwardly or Northeastwardly part of said Township; and therein ordered that I return to the Court a Plan thereof, taken by a Surveyor and Chainmen under Oath for acceptance & confirmation as by said Copy will more particularly appear.— Agreeable to that Resolve I got the Land laid out: And when the general Court was sitting at Watertown I return'd a Plan of the Same for acceptance and confirmation; but by means used by Major Hauley (as I have been told) the House were pleas'd to order a Resurvey of it, and appointed Capt Joseph Noyes of Falmouth to do it — In Consequence whereof, I took out an attested Copy of said order, and as soon as I had an opportunity, I gave it to Capt Noyes, and desired he would survey the Land as soon as possible; But He being then a member of the Court, I Suppose the Necessity of his attendance on his duty there, and his business elsewhere, prevented his coming to lay out the Land at the time I had reason to expect he would have done it — After which I saw him again and renew'd my request that he would do it; but he told me he could not see how he could attend upon it, and that he made no doubt but the Land might be confirm'd without a Resurvey by guarding the Confirmation so That if there was any more Land in the Tract than is set forth in the Plan Returned as aforesaid, the same might be secur'd to the Government; From whence I took encouragement & furnished him with such Papers as I thought were necessary in the Case, except a Plan, making no doubt the Plan I had return'd was in the hands of the Clerk of the House, and having so done, I trusted I should see an end of my trouble on account of the Land in Question. But alas, I am disapointed!

Capt Noyes told my son Joseph (who was at Falmouth not long since) that nothing was done about it; but the only Reason was, because there was no Plan return'd — I could not but be surprizz'd — I knew I had returned one, and thought it soon would be found — These disappointments, Gentlemen — obliges me to apply myself to you for your Assistance in the affair. — The Paper N° 2. is a plan to supply the place of the one that is lost — As the Surveyor who Survey'd the Land and drew the Plan, and the Chainmen who assisted him in laying of it out were laid under a very Solemn Oath to do Their respective parts of the Service in laying it out so, that strict justice should be done the Government as well as the Grantee, I cannot think it ever came into Their hearts to do any otherwise than they were Injoin'd by their Oath to do, so that if there is any Error in the Plan it must be an Innocent one; But (as I desire not an Inch more of as good land as I return'd to the Government, which was some of the best pasture Land in the Township) I am quite willing the confirmation should be guarded as strictly as Possible, and had Mr H——y propos'd that way of confirming it, in stead of a re survey, it would have saved much Trouble. — The Paper N° 3, is a Copy of my Resignation of said Land to the Proprietors of said Township, which I have sent in order to Shew that it's Necessary the Land should be confirm'd to the whole of said Proprietors according to their respective Interests therein, — This, (with submission to a better judgment) seems to me, to be a better way, than to have it confirmed to me only, for if it Should, it will bring on the puzzle of contriving another Instrument to confirm it to them. — The Paper N° 4, is an Instrument which I humbly propose for a confirmation of said Land in conformity to the Instrument whereby I Resign'd it to the Proprietors as above mentioned — If there is any more Land in the Tract than is set forth in the Plan, the Prosiss which

closes the confirmation, secures the Governments Interest therein as well as any way I can Invent, However: If the Court should think otherwise, I have no objection to their guarding the confirmation in the strictest manner, the wisdom of the Court can devise— Perhaps there may be many of the present House that did not belong to that House by whom the Exchange was made, who may enquire how I came to desire it? To which it may be truly answered, That the Late Province of New Hampshire run a Line (ex parte) for a Devisional Line between that Province and this part of the Massachusetts, which cut off the 4147 acres of Land in the west corner of my Township, and took immediate possession of it; and as that was esteem'd by the Court an unjust line (as no doubt it is) the Court objected against making me a Compensation on that acco^t as Hampshire might then say, the Massachusetts thereby, virtually consented to the line: This Idea of the affair obliged me to omit saying in my Petition a word about that line and to Petition the Court to receive back the said 4147 acres of Land, and to grant me the like quantity in lieu of it; and of course I was obliged to lay out the Land granted me in Consequence of said Petition, so as to keep clear of said line for had I laid it adjoining thereto, Hampshire might have made the same handle of that, it was suspected they would of the other.—

As I dwell a great distance from Boston where the Court is held, which renders it very difficult for me to travel so far, and if I should, perhaps I must tarry long there before the Court can attend upon the business, let me interest you to afford your Friendship in getting this unhappy affair determined which has been attended with much trouble, and (I must take leave to say)* needless expence to.

Gentlemen your most obedient and very Humble Servant

Fryeburg August 13th 1779 Joseph Frye

* I believe all owing to the once very worthy Maj^r H—ley.

Order to Col° Allen

Council Chamber Jany 26, 1780

Whereas it appears necessary for the immediate Defence of Machias that Col° Allen should have a Supply of men for that purpose Therefore In pursuance of the Power Vested In ye Council by the General Assembly in last Session Orderd That Col° Allen be and hereby is Impowered to Raise a Company Consisting of Fifty Able bodied Men & to appoint proper officers over the Same, & to Enlist them for the Term of Three Months, Unless sooner Discharged & he is further Impowered as an Encouragement to ye men to Enlist to Engage that they shall be paid for their Service Agreable to Such an Establishment as the General Court shall hereafter determine upon

Attest John Avery D Secy

Order of Council.

To the Honorable Council of the Massachusetts State

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Boston Jany 21 1780

Ordered That The Commissary General of This State be and he hereby is Directed to deliver to Lieu^t Col° Paul Revere all the Back Rations that were due to him according to the Establishment of this States Train of Artillery to the Thirteenth of Jany current, and from That Time to deliver him Rations according to the Resolve of the General Court of That Date

Attest John Avery D Secy

Application from the Com^ttees to the Eastward.

To the Honble Council and House of Representatives, for the state of the Massachusetts Bay —

A Petition of the Committees of the Severall Towns and Plantations of the Countey of Lincoln, within the Bounds

of Col° Wheaton's Reg^t Humbly Sheweth — At a Meeting of the severall committees of Towns, and Plantations, of the Countey of Lincoln, within the bounds of Col° Wheatons Regement, and the Field Officers of said Reg^t, at Warren Decr 20th 1779.— Takeing into their most serious consideration, the scituation of the Countey of Lincoln, and in a more particular maner, that part of said Countey, respective of Col° Wheatons Reg^t, which being the Frontier not more then ten Miles from the British Troops at Majorbigwaduce, and allmost incercled by Inhabitants, who have taken the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain, and who are dayly destroying our Currencey, by purchasing commodities from among us with Silver and Gold, and conveying the same to the Enemy at Bigwaduce — And Your Petitioners would represent to your Honours that was it not for John Long, and other disafected persons, supplying our Common Enemy at Majorbigwaduce, Which is out of our Power to prevent, for want of sufficient Guards and Your Petitioners having repeatedly taken up a Number of such persons, and sent to the Westward, who have to the great supprise and Concerne of us all, been acquitted and sent back, without Punishment, and are now at the Enemys Fort in armes against the States — Had our guards been Sufficient to put a stop to such proceedings, they would have been nesesated to Evacuated our coast before this day — Your Petitioners need not represent to Your Honours the scituation which we were left in affter the defeat at Maj^rbigwaduce, our coast allmost left naked as to Guards, and when for a few months guarded just suffecient to provoke our common Enemy, then left to be guarded by the Inhabitants of the Fronteer Towns, which we begg leave to inform Your Honours cannot be done any longer by reason of the poverty of these parts — Greatest part of the Inhabitants of the severall Towns and Plantations, which your petitioners are

praying for have been in the service the season past, to the neglect of their biseness, so much as to render the circumstances of their Familys deploriable, as many of them depended on the sail of their Lumber for the support of their Familes, And the coasting Vessells which carried said Lumber to market was distroyed at Penobscutt so that the Wood, Staves &c are laying on hand, and Our Soilders the Owners of Transports &c receveing no pay renders them incapeable of Procureing Support that is comfortable for their Familys.

The soilders being supplyed with most of their provision out of this part of the Countey, has also helpt much to impoverish the Inhabitants, many of which have lent Quantites of Grain to support the Troops at Cambden, which they depended upon for their Familys Subsistance, which has not been replaced,— Therefore your petitioners begg in behalf of the Above distrest Inhabitants that you would Grant them Your emediate Assistance, in men raised to the westward of this County, and provision to supply them, from the same parts. Or their case must be similar to our Brethern of Penobscutt who have foresaken their whole intrerest and are now Suffering among us (a People that is not able to afford them any assistance) with Large Families of pleasing Children destitute of money or Freinds, that are able to help them —Your Petitioners therefore pray that the Above releaf may be granted as soon as possible, Our Only protection at this time is owing to the Enemys weakness, but there is the greatest Reason to beleave they will pay us a Vissett early in the Spring We cannot think without the greatest Concerne of being cast into the same deploriable scituation of the Above Unhappy People, or take up with the Government of the British Troops A case which we are not able to represent by writing Therefore we begg leave to recommend to Your Honours the Bearer Waterman Thomas Esqr for a further

Representation of the distres scituation we are now in, and the distruction that Threatens us by the Spring We are sorry to trouble Your Honours with so long and tedious a Petition — but our Duty to the Inhabitants, and the trust reposed in us at this Unhappy Season Obliges us to do it. Therefore we begg of your Honours that our Prayers may be heard, and Granted, And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

By Order of the Committees

Abijah Waterman Clark

In Council Jany 28th 1780

Read & Committed to Jer^{h} Powell J Simpson and Thos Durfee Esqr to consider this Representation and report what may be proper to be done thereon

John Avery D Secy

Brigadier Cushings Letter.

Pownalborough Feby 7th 1780

Sir.

The Prisoners that you have sent here, are now desirous of taking the Oath of Allegiance to the State & have applied to Judge Bowman for that purpose but he has declined for the present for reasons mentioned in his Letter — I apprehend upon the whole it would be best to Admit them to take the Oath — If you would take the Trouble to come over your self or write to the Judge to Administer the Oath, one of the prisoners vizt Thomas McGuire who is now with me & at whose request I write promises that he will Pay you & I rather think it would be most desirable for you to Come as it may have a tendency to promote Peace & harmony —

I am Sir your most H^{ble} Servt

Chas Cushing

William McCobb Esqr

Judge Bowman's Letter.

Sir, Pownalborough Feby 7th 1780

Several of your neighbours whom you Sent to Goal for refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance, have applied to me to administer the Oath to them — They say that they were unacquainted with the Law, and wanted Time to Consider of it, and that after you tender'd the Oath to them, you told them you would give them but five minutes to consider of it & to take the Oath. There is a Law that allows them two hours to take the Oath in, after having been tendered to them — perhaps you have not got that Law — Now, Sir, If you had not that Law by you, and you allowed them only five minutes, as they say, I think there can be no Impropriety in admitting them to take the Oath now — And perhaps it will not prove in any Degree prejudicial to the State to admit them to do it — ¶ However the Matter rests intirely with you, as you are the most proper & sole judge in this Matter. I declined administring the Oath to them unless you would direct to it — And therefore if upon the whole you did not allow them the Time the Law allows them to take the Oath, and would have them admitted to take it; upon your signifying the same to me, I will do it, and discharge them from their Confinement; otherwise I shall not interfere —

I am, Sir, Your hble Servt

Please to send an Answer Jon^{a} Bowman

Wm McCobb Esq.

Representation of Council to the U. S. Congress relative to losses by Penobscut Expedition.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Feby 9 1780

The Report of the Committee appointed to Enquire into the Causes of the Failure of the unfortunate Expedition to

Penobscot as also Copys of the Resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Orders of the Council of this State relative to the same, have been transmitted to Congress some time since. This Expedition was undertaken upon a firm Persuasion that the Expence attending the Same would be paid by the Congress. This Persuasion was grounded not only upon a Resolution of Congress that whenever any of the United States were Invaded by the Enemy and the authority of the State so Invaded were obliged to raise any Forces to repell them that in such case The Forces so Employed and the Expence thence accruing should be payed by the Continent, but also upon the Articles of the Confederation which make a similar Provision in like Cases, This is more especially Just and Reasonable with respect to this Expedition as the Enemy had taken Post at such a part of the Continent as rendered their removal of vast Importance to the United States as well as to our allies, for by this manouvere they had got possession of the Mast Ground and were so situated as to Interrupt, if not totally destroy, the Fishery upon our Eastern Shores, Two very important objects, the Preservation of which most certainly claim the utmost attention of the whole Continent, As the Enemy at New York and at Rhode Island were so in force, at the time when this Expedition was undertaken, as to render it unsafe in the apprehension of the Court for either General Washington or General Gates to spare any of their Troops for this Service, they were not applied to previous to this undertaking, but if it had been thought expedient, There was not time for it, as the Success of this Attempt required the utmost dispatch, least the Enemy should be reinforced before our Forces arrived at Penopscot, in which case it would have been extremely hazardous, if not impossible to dislodge them, The Court therefore determined immediately & without the least delay to Enter upon this Expedition, which was Con-

sidered as a measure necessary for general Defence and therefore were Confident that any Expense that might attend this Enterprise would be born by the Continent in general — We Presume therefore upon these Matters being fully represented to Congress, that they will think it just & reasonable that the Continent should bear the Expence that has accrued & will give the necessary orders for the Payment thereof, we accordingly instruct you to make a full representation of this affair to Congress & apply to them for the same, The accounts are preparing & will be Compleated as soon as possible We now Inclose you a Copy of Col° Campbells Description of the Extent, Situation, & State of the Country eastward of Penopscot, as also of the strength and situation of the British Fort at Majabagaduce, which will plainly show that it is of vast Importance to the whole Continent as well as to our Allies, that we should have Possession of that Country, especially when it is Considered that our Enemies, it is highly Probable, will attempt to take all possible advantage at the Ensuing Treaty of Peace, from their having taken Post in Penobscot River, we would have you therefore submit to the Consideration of Congress, whether it will not be highly Expedient, if not absolutely necessary, for them to take some effectual measures, as soon as possible, for the removal of the Enemy from the Post they now possess, It certainly is a very interesting object & claims the immediate attention of Congress. We are persuaded that no Exertions of yours will be wanting upon this occassion

In the name & Behalf of the Gen[l] Assembly

J Powell Pres[t]

Agent Chosen by Pownalboro.

Article in the Warrant 11 Day Feby 1780

To Chuse an Agent to Attend the General Court at their next Session in behalf of said Town In Order for a Revisall

of the Last Valuation, and to Solicit an Abatment of the Taxes set on said Town

A True Coppy Att David Silvester Town Cler.

At the annual meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitant of the Town of Pownalboro Duly Warned & Legally Assembled in the Meeting-house in the East Parish on Wednesday the 1st Day March A D 1780 Voted that Mr. Abiel Wood be the agent to attend the General Court Agreable to the above 7 article in the Warrant

A True Coppy Att David Silvester Town Clerk

Order of Council to the Brigadier of the County of York.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Feby 14, 1780

Ordered that the Brigadeer of the County of York be & he hereby is directed to Detach from [A] his Brigade Fifty men Including three Commission officers four Sergeants four Corporals one Drumer & fifer, & see that they are armed and accoutred agreeable to the Militia Law of this State and furnished at their own Expence with a Sufficient Blanket to each man with ten [B] days Provision, and order them to march to Camden in the County Lincoln in such manner as that they may arive there by the fifteenth day of March next, there to follow such orders and Instructions as shall be given them by Brigadeer Wadsworth Esqr who is appointed to take the command of such men as shall be raised & sent to Camden for the defence of the County of Lincoln. Said men to continue in Service the term of three months from the time they shall arrive at Camden sd place of Randezvous unless sooner discharged, & to be upon such Establishment as the General Court shall hereafter order: A similar one to Brigadeer Coushing only with this difference viz At A

Insert from the Interior parts of, & at B with five days Provision instead of ten.

Attest Jn° Avery D Secy

The Petition of Major Wheaton for recruits.

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay, in General Court assembled.

February 1780.

The Petition of Major Wheaton of Thomaston Esq; Colonel and Commander of the fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of Lincoln, Humbly Sheweth,

That the Enemies of the United States of America now engarisoned at Majorbagaduce appear very formidable.

That there is full Intimation of their Intentions to make further Inroads into this County at the opening of the Spring, (or perhaps fix the British Standard at Casco Bay) this their Menaces daily evince.

That this Regiment lies foremost, exposed to their Insult and Cruelty, and without sufficient Strength to withstand their Force.

That, to the Inhabitants, there appears no Prospect of Support or Protection against them; which puts many of the well disposed upon thinking of the best Methods for securing themselves; and gives the unfriendly Party great Spirits and Hope.

That to call the Inhabitants into the Field to oppose the Enemy at the opening of the Spring when they should be putting their Seed into the Ground, would break up the Settlement at once: Add to this That the Inhabitants furnished so much Provision to the Army last Campaign that there is not a Sufficiency now in the Place to bring the Season about.

Wherefore it absolutely follows that we must have a Supply of Men and Provisions sent here or the Country will fall an Easy Prey to the Enemy at their Will; and the only Means of Security for the Inhabitants is by Flight, which makes them very uneasy till they know whether they may depend upon Support & Protection, or not; if not, that they may secure themselves while there is Opportunity of saving some of their Effects and not be obliged (at the Extremity) to leave all (as some of the Inhabitants of Penobscot did last year) for the Sake of saving their Persons: Therefore this requires an immediate Determination

And your Petitioner is humbly of Opinion that a Thousand Men well equip'd, with a sufficient Store of Ammunition, and Provisions, are by no means more than are absolutely necessary should be sent into this Country for protecting the Inhabitants against the Enemy.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays, That one Thousand Men well equip'd, under proper Command, with sufficient Store of Ammunition, and Provisions may immediately be sent down here, in order to oppose the Enemy in their first Movements in the opening of the Spring; or that other sufficient Protection may be afforded according to your Honors in your known Wisdom and Goodness shall order and direct, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Major Wheaton

Major Wheaton to the General Court.

Thomaston February 14, 1780

Hon'd Sir,

I have preferred a Petition to the Honble the Great and General Court, and sent it by the Hand of Capt Nathl Fales, praying that one Thousand Men — with sufficient Stores of

Ammunition &c may immediately be sent down here, to oppose the Enemy in their first Movements in the opening of the Spring for the Reasons therein given. ¶ I would beg leave further to inform their Honors, that sundry Persons lately from Boston report "that the General Court will not attend to the affairs of the Eastern Country, will not afford them any men for their Protection at this Time of extream Necessity" which Reports greatly discourage and dishearten the People, and should those Reports prove true, they will think themselves greatly agreaved, especially considering, That they have been very ready to send their Men into Service to protect and defend the other parts of the state where ever attacked, ever ready to furnish their Quotas of Men when called upon, many whereof actually continue in the Service at this Time, who, were they at home, would afford considerable Strength against the Enemy; therefore for the people to think of leaving their Habitations, and Interest or fall into the Hands of the Enemy and undergo a cruel Captivity for want of Support is so hard, so Cruel they cannot entertain the Thought!— the Honble Court will not suffer it!

I have the Honour to be Hon^d Sir your most humble Servant

Major Wheaton

Deposition of Girdain Burnham.

I, Girdain Burnham of Hartford in the State of Connecticut of lawful age Testify & Say that I was taken by Capt Bumstead in an Armed Schooner belonging to the Enemy & carried into Penobscot about thirteen Weeks ago, being in a topsail Schooner a prize to the Schooner Decoy Commanded by John Fox belonging to New London in the State aforesaid — a few days after his arrival at Penobscot Col^o Jones

(of Frenchmans Bay) came there & abused your Deponant very much threatning that Burning was too good for him, about four days afterwards Col^{l} Shaw came in from Gouldsboro' and used your Deponant very well — saying he was taken out of his Bed at Gouldsboro' and carried from thence to Penobscot there Sworn to be true to the King of Great Britain or loose his Estate. a few days afterwards Maj^{r} Currie came there from passamequody & inform'd y^{r} Deponant that He with one Capt Long was concerned about five weeks before, in a Quantity of english Goods, they purchas'd at St Johns wch was stop'd there by the aforesaid privateer Sch^{o} Decoy, while she lay at Head Harbor, the Schooner wch was to have brought the Goods from St Johns to Passamaquody, on having intelligence from Col^{l} Shaw, as I was inform'd by Maj^{r} Currie, return'd back again empty. Col^{l} Shaw inform'd your Deponant that there was about one hundred & forty or fifty men at Penobscot wch he thought might be easily taken at this Present time,— & Col^{o} Shaw appeared to be very friendly to the American Cause

Girdain Burnham

Boston Feby 16th 1780

Suffolk Ss. Girdain Burnham personally appeared & after having been duely Cautioned Swore to the Truth of the above Deposition before

Thomas Cushing Jus Pacis

Major Wheaton to the Speaker of the House.

To the Honble the Speaker of the House
of Representatives at Boston

Thomaston February 17, 1780

Hon'd Sir,

After I had closed a Petition to the Honble the Great and General Court setting forth something of the Circumstances

of the Eastern Country and praying for Assistance; and also a Letter to the Honble Speaker of the House of Representatives upon the Subject.

I have this Day received a Letter from Capt Joseph Beath (who has been with the Enemy ever since the defeat at Majorbagaduce) dated at Owls Head the 15th Instant, wherein after having given an Account of his having been carried to Halifax and to Windsor & having got so far in his way home, is the following Paragraph viz. "I would inform you that Col^o^ Rodgers is sailing two Battalions of Rangers, to Harrass the Country as I suppose, he has sent one Capt. Monk & Capt Joet to Halifax to recruit, Capt. Maddox & Capt Mowat is recruiting at Halifax to little purpose, Capt Iongue and Capt Franklin is recruiting at Windsor, but little Success"— ¶ Also by several Desarters, who passed through here to Day, I understand that several Transports had arrived near Majorbagaduce, with Provision, Clothing &^c^ for the Garrison there, and also 300 Regulars they expected was on Board ¶ The unfriendly part of the Community here furnish the Enemy with such ample Inteligence that it is impossible to keep any proceedure from their knowledge, or Vessels or other valuable Effects from being greatly exposed to be taken by them.

Our Scituation here is most distressing and as the Spring opens the Mischiefs will increase; We must be ever under arms, ever upon the Wing, flying from place to place to defend our extended Sea-Coast & protect the scattered Inhabitants from the wanton Cruelty of our relentless Enemies, 'till spent with Exercise, & worn out with long Fatigue, we must leave our Habitations our Interest and this promising Country to save our Persons by Flight, or fall a Sacrifice into their Cruel Hands and suffer all the Horrors of a miserable Captivity, unless immdiately assisted by the Honble Court

with Men Provisions and Stores agreeable to my Petition or otherwise afforded suitable aid.

Numbers of Petitions have been sent from this County, and this place to the Honble Court praying for Relief and for assistance; and no full answers has been returned to them. ¶ Therefore I have thought it necessary to send Capt Nathl Fales express with this Inteligence; the Petition and other Papers, that the Honble Council may have the earliest Notice, and the General Court be informed of the true State of this Country in order to their affording seasonable Relief. ¶ I would also recommend the Bearer Capt: Fales to the Consideration of the Honble Council as a Person faithful and diligent & forward in the Cause of his Country, and proper to be employ'd by their Honors in some place of Trust, where his Deafness may not be an impediment. ¶ I must intreat an immediate and direct Answer to this, whether we may depend upon seasonable and sufficient assistance or not?

I have the Honor to be Hon^{d} Sir,

Your Honors most obedient most humble Servant

Major Wheaton

In Council March 9th 1780

Read & Sent Down with a Petition of Col^{o} Mason Wheaton accompanying the same ¶ The Honble the President of the Honble Council of the state of Massachusetts Bay—

John Avery D Sec'y

Peter Noyes to the Council.

Falmouth February 17th 1780

Sir.

a few days ago a Carteel from Halifax with fifty or sixty Prisoners as I am Informed bound to Boston ran ashore at Cape Elizabeth & Bilged the owner and master was one Mr

Prescot, who was hired by the Government their and one Valens an under officer of a man of war was put on bord as commander. Prescot & Valens it seems did not agree Prescot thought the Vessel might have been got off Valens did not Care what became of her at first the Prisoners all went off Mr Prescott got men to save what he could & Valens went to the Committee of Safety &^c^ of this Town and agreed with them to sell the Vessel & all that belonged to Her at Vandue which was done in about forty eight hours after about two Hours notice the whole was sold to a number of the Committee & Gentlemen of this Town for about 1700 Dollars not a tenth part of the Value as I am Informed. they have burnt the Vessel & taken the Iron Cables sails Riggen & anchors and all they could find into their own Custody. Mr Prescot thought Valens had no right to sell the Vessel &^c^ in that manner: has applied to me as Coll of the Militia & Commander of the sea Coast men to Interpose & secure what was saved for the right owner I went this Day And desired of the Persons who Purchased an Inventory of the whole that I might send the Account of what was saved together with the men belonging to the Carteel to the Council that they might take such measures in this affair as are proper for the Honour of Government & Justice to the Persons concerned. but they abslutely refused to give an acco't of the articles saved altho I assured them I would not molest them in the Possession of the articles & should only send the acco^t^ to the Council that we might have their opinion whether the Sale was lawful and receive such Directions as should be for the Honour of Government in such Cases & Clear the Town from any Blame as the People in General seem to disapprove of the Conduct of the Purchasers as well as the Sudden manner in which the things were sold for any further Particulars I refer you to Doctor Joseph Bradford

who was a passenger on Bord the Carteel & to whose care I have conmitted Mr Valens & men that belonged to her

I am, Sir your Honours most obedient Humble Servant

Peter Noyes

To the Honorable Jeremiah Powel Esq

at Boston

In Council March 16t, 1780

Read & Sent down

John Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives March 16, 1780

Read & thereupon Orderd that Coll Pope and Genl Warren with such as the Honble Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same — & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr

In Council March 16t, 1780

Read & Concurred and Edward Cutts Esq is joined —

John Avery D Secy

Col. Allan to Jeremiah Powell Esq.

Machias — at Mr Parkers House February 20th 1780

Dear Sir

Being down here upon some business with my Black Family, and Mr Parker Just going Westward, I take the Opportunity of Acknowledging the receipt of your favour of the 24th Decemr; which I only received three days ago.

My time & perplex'd thoughts will hardly permit me to Communicate what I coud wish & what seems necessary.

You may reasonably form a Judgment of my situation, I make no Complaint at the End of my difficultys, willing to Exert every Nerve for the Interest & happiness of my Coun-

try. Had I been a Private Soldier, only my Duty in that Capacity to perform, I think I shoud feel an Infinate odds then in my present situation

I mean not to thro any Contempt upon Authority, nor Do I mean Reflection, as I am Conscious, Gratitude & Duty Command me to treat the Rulers of a Country where I have been treated with such friendship and distinguished by such Honorable Employments, with the utmost Complisence

But Dr Sir I have the feelings of another man — I feel if put into Authority to do a secret and Important peice of business, and at the same time forsaken, uncapable to accomplish the Intention of my Employers for want of necessarys for the purpose — By this I am Led into Every Difficulty & Distress — Accumalating Charges, & Staining my Own Reputation.

Woud the Government point out what I am to Do, I shou'd be able then to act suitable but this I am Deprivd of I have Called in a Body of Indians. I thot it my Duty, I naturaly supposed it woud be Agreeable to Government as it appear'd the only means to prevent the Country from falling into the Hands of the Enemy, which undoubtedly woud be the Case if I had not taken this methode —

However they are now here Invited By me in behalf of the United States Left their all to Comply with our demands Judge then my situation By the provision I have had here Judge wether in this Situation I am Capable to Act as a Commands Officer, or a Superintendent of Indians — In Order to keep up the department, I have been Compelled to Act in Character Incompatible with that of any Office, which must tend to thro a Slurr and Dishonor on the American Service, I am willing to Demean myself to anything as a man & Subject, but it is necessary from a Veriety of principles that the business of a Commission officer Be Con-

ducted in another way then what I have followd this Winter.

I have been a Pedlar & Hawker, Going myself from place to place to Collect Vegetables in Exchange for Butter, The People in Generell taking the advantage of my situation make Exorbitant demands — Oblidge to Court the few men in Service to take Butter, by which instead of having, as I Expected a Quantity of Butter which might be of great use to the States, I shall but Barely have enough of that Commodity to Carry me thro' — Every Necessary that I want done, I must pay it in provisions — all this for want of Supplys being Regularly Laid in & men to perform business — The Expence By this Neglect becomes Enormous, and the methodes I am oblidged to take to Barter, Borow & Exchange may probable Stain my Reputation as the Govern^t may not fully Conceive of my Situation.

Add to this Relying upon the Propriety of my Conduct, which I trust woud be approved by Government, I had the presumption to make promises to the Indians, which not being Able to Perform very much Lessens my Reputation among the Indians. Good God! what Reproaches & Insults Am I oblidged to Indure from these beings, & Necessitated to put up with the whole to keep them — These Sir are not Exaggerations but plain Truth, I want no other Notice to Be taken of it, but to Be Enabled to discharge my Duty, The Continent is Welcome to my Weak & Imperfect Services, all I Crave is to Be Enabled to Support the Honour & Dignity of their own Champion.

I am allso threatend from Every Quarter, to Be Attacked, Rogers went thro to Canada about Christmas. After the First of March we must be ready to Receive our Enemys at our Back or Our Situation must be dismal I Rely & Trust on the Humanity of the Govern^t that I may be timely warned or Ordered off — that I may not fall a Victim to this Cruel

Enemy — But what Gives me the Greatest Trouble is the Conduct of the most of the Trading & Leading men of the Country. Lett what appology or Excuse be made it is Certain that a scene of Villiny is pursuing in Respect of opening a Trade with the Enemy. Every methode is taken to touch the minds of the Commonality By fear and other ways to Bring to Condescention It will be tedious at this time to mention the Various & Curious modes taken shall only Relate Respecting an Excursion I lately made Westward.

I had Receiv'd Different Accounts of their Managmt for some time, which I did not put much dependence, Supposing it was only malicious people — till I Rec^d authentic Intelligence that Something Circular was Gone abroad, for a Convention of all the Committees Eastward of Penobscut, and that the principle View of the promoters was to Turn their Lumber Trade into the Britains, as a matter of Necessity for fear the Britains woud Destroy the Country — at the Same time Advice Came that one Capt Marat of a British Transport (Kinsman of Henry Marat) and Capt Cogshell had been at Crabtrees, Colo Jones & Major Shaw, had passed thro the Country unmolested openly & Returned

I thought that by these Libertys the American Interest was in the utmost Danger this way and that something Vigorously Executed must take place to stop their Career In Consequence I Sett of immediately with a Party of Indians. The Second Evening Reached Frenchman's Bay, being somewhat Suspicious. I suddenly Enterd Colo Jones House with the Indians at the different Doors where I found — Colo Jones Capt Benj^m Mulliken Johnson Carpenter of the Nautillis — Crabtree — Hazelam — Capt Smith of Uninion River & Hodgkins.

I detain'd the whole of them for the Night, & you may be a little surprised that I did not send them all to Machias But

for fear of frustrating my plans first Intended, I thot Best to Dismiss all but Milliken & Johnson whom I sent next day to Machias — I then Intended to have Gone as far as Majarbagud[c] if no other Service was Deturmined to Convince them we wou'd watch their motions & Discourage their Going Coming thro the Country so on my Return Converse with the Severel Committees But rec[d] Information that there was supplys at Oak Point for Baguaduce it so raised the spirit of the Indians that we had to Go there. Finding Ruin prevented my Going further, Coggins who had Charge of this Appear'd not so Bad as I first heard, But the Indians woud not be Contented, & to prevent worse matters I gave my assent to their taking some Articles, which I had a particular acc[t] taken of & left a mem[o] with the man —

In my Return I had much Conversation with Severel of the Inhabitants, and finaly made a Declaration, that any Property Contracted for, By the Britains what I coud not Remove woud burn however this may appear Arbitrary I found myself necessitated to Stop the Connection & Be Severe — Upon the whole I think I found out Whig & Tory, and am well Convinced that the whole Difficultys Arising from the Enecuragment Given the Enemy Originated not Ten miles Eastward of Frenchmans Bay —

Now for the Bussiness you Are to Lay Before the Court — You will press to the Court the Necessity of a Speedy Aid & Assistance for the protecting the Country Eastward of Bagaduce a Plan is Certainly Laid for an Earley Campaigne, & this Harbour will Undoubtedly Be Block'd up as soon as the Ice Breakes up —

This post must be Supported By White Troops & the Indians moved to Passamaquady The River S[t] Croix is in the Center of their hunting Ground & Commands all the Villages It is Clear from Inhabitants — the Indians will

be more Contented Less Expence & better prepared for Action — for By Being among Inhabitants they Become Troublesome — Squander their property Corrupted by the Bad Impressions made By Designing men — Getes Indolant & Careless their familys, will be more secure when Called to War — This has been the former Custom & By Experience find to Be the Best Methode

Troops must be posted at Frenchmans Bay. Large Supplys for the whole must be Laid in with all Expedition.

You will Acquant the Court, that in Order to Encourage the people I am now forming a Comp^y of Rangers, upon the footing Order'd By Court Last Summer with this odds — Twenty men to Be Raised at Frenchmans Bay — Twenty west of N4 — Twenty Pleasant River to N4 — Captain Dyer to Command — First Lieut. at Frenchmans Bay — 2^d do at Pleasant River — To Be Ready to March at a minutes warning from Home — to Be Ready to Oppose or Sieze any Connected with the Britons — This I prossume will have as good an Effect as any methode In our present Circumstances — to List till first of May —

Lett there Be But one Commander for the whole — for more must Create Jealousys feuds & Broils perticularly in this part —

Something Parmant & Severe must take place to Prevent Connections with the Enemy — particular those who pretends [letter broken off, remainder not here]

Certificate of Eliphilet Downer.

This may Certify all whom it may concern That Mr: William Morgan one of the hands belonging to the Ship Warren having received a Wound in his Right Arm in an

Attack made upon one of the Enemies Batteries at Bagaduce was brought on shore from his Ship on the second or third of August last and put into the Hospital under my care where he remained till we were obliged to retreat. That his wound was so bad in said arm that he will be a cripple all his Days Witness my hand this 21: of February 1780

Eliphilet Downer Surgeon

Col. Allan to the General Court.

Machias Feby 25th 1780

Sir,

A Copy of the Inclosed was sent in a small Schooner some Time ago, which was taken, the letter was Distroy'd,—

From the Contents of that Letter, the Hon'ble Court may preceive what must be the Situation of this Department at this Time. I shall say no further then that we are Intirely Distitute of Every Assential matter to Defend this Post, or Secure the Interest of the Indians,

Kind Providance has supported us thus far, Contrary to my Expectations & I hope may still continue its Benign Influence & Defend us from Impending Distruction—

Every matter both foreign Threats, & Proceedings with Internal Combinations, seems to Conspire to Oversett the Amarican Interest Eastward of Penobscott. Every Imposition, Abuse & Insult, practized to Discourage the weak minds of the friends of the Country.— Every step Taken to Slur the Continental Service — the Indigency of the Department Probagated by Internal Enemys & Every Sarcastic hint given on our Poor way of living to render us contemptable among our friends as well as Enemys

I presume that our Government in their Wisdom, Does not View this Department of sufficient consequence to be

Attended to at present, to the Neglect of more Important bussiness —

The Steps I often take to keep the Indians, Does in the Isue depend upon Constant Aid & Supplys Laid in, which if Neglected Distroys that Reputation which I Ever had from my Childhood with the Indians, But find myself daily diminishing in that Character, which in the End is Detrimental to the Public Service.

I am Ever willing, & make it the greatest blessing this World can afford in being Employ'd in the Present Contest, but from a fear of not Answering the End of Government & Hurting my own Reputation, I must plead the Indulgence to be Removed or diminish'd from this Department, as soon as the Public Service will any way Admit,

Eleven OClock A M

A few minutes ago, word Came in of a flag of Truce from Magwabagaduce, having taking the Necessary Precaution, I Just Received a Letter & Proclamation, a Copy of which I have the Honor to Inclose — the Sudden Departure of the Bearer will prevent a Copy of my Answer, & the Steps I shall Take in Consequence of this peice of Conduct

The Original Cause of my taking the Men mentioned in the said letters will be Communicated by Colo Campbell, whom I wrote thereupon, In my next I shall Communicate the whole to the Hon'ble Board — at present must Conclude, begging help & Assistance

I am with all possible respect & Esteem Sir

Your most Obd^t very hble Ser^t

J Allan

In Council March 23^d 1780

Read & Committed to the Committee appointed on the Letters from Col^o John Allan at Machias with the Papers Accompanying the Same

Sent down for Concurrence Jno Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Mar. 23 1780
Read & Concurred
John Hancock Spkr
The Hon'ble Jeremiah Powell Esqr

Petition of Joseph Barnard.

To the Honorable Council & the Honorable House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Joseph Bernard of Falmouth in ye County of Cumberland — humbly shews

That sometime in October last when the Committee of Falmouth agreeably to a Resolve of the Honble Court stopped a number of Cattle which one Greele was driving through the Town from the Eastward, they employed your Petitioner to go Express to Boston with a Letter to the Honble Council requesting their directions respecting them.

That the Cattle aforesaid have been since released by a Resdue of this Court in which no Provision was made for payment of ye Expence attending the seizure of them — And the Committee therefore refuse to pay your Petitioner for his Service alleging that they are intituled to no pay for their own trouble. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that your Honour wou'd order payment to be made him out of the Public Treasury for his said Service — or otherwise relieve your Petitioner as in your Wisdom you shall think proper & as in duty bound will ever pray —

N. B. Your petitioner humbly thinks that the Expense to himself & Store — together with his own time & Horse Hire is worth at least Two Hundred Pounds — which he submits to your Honours just determination —

Falmouth Feby 28, 1780

Joseph Barnard

Petitions from the Eastern parts of the States.

The pretentions should be defensive; the Intention Offensive,

Let 500 Men with 50 good new & light whale Boats be got down to Georges River with the utmost dispatch,

Let the Law Martial be establish'd in the County of Lincoln within Certain Limitts on the Sea Coast & about 10 Miles back.

Let 400 Men be sent to Falmouth as soon as may be, with whale Boats also & 1 Company of Train. Then as soon as may be, let the Expedition be formed for the reduction of the Enemys Port: by raising 1100 Men, (making in all 2000) with 2 Months provision, Ammunition, Cannon, Mortars, Boats &c with shipping rather more than a Match for what the Enemy may then have.

The Troops should be sent down as fast as they are raised, to make preperation for the siege to avoid the Enemys Observation, to cut a road through from Penobscot to Kennebeck as well as from Camden, that there may be a Communication by Land in Case of Accident.

In the mean time the 500 Men with the 50 Boats Should draw the Line between the Enemy & Adjacent Inhabitants, cut off their Communication & prevent all Supplies &c &c on both sides.

When all is ready The Shiping with the heavy Cannon Stores &c with the Troops from Falmouth should join in the Mouth of Penobscott River (if needs be, the adjacent Militia of Cumberland might keep possession of the Work at Falmouth, or be in the Greatest Readiness) to Execute the Plan propos'd — In the meantime there should be two or three small Cruisers on that Coast to protect the Coasters & prevent their small privatiers.— If nothing more than Defensive can be undertaken, 750 Men with 75 Whale Boats is the least

number that will answer in the County of Lincoln to do the work Effectually, with the Publication of the Martial Law.

Also a force kept up at Falmouth

Brig^{r} Wadsworth's — Opinion —

Royalsborough Petition.

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives in Genl Court Assembled

The Petition of Us the Subscribers Inhabitants of a New settlement on Anderscogen River in the County of Cumberland call^{d} Royalsborough Most Humbly Sheweth —

That your Petitioners having But within a few years Began to Make Improvements in this Part of the Wilderness about Thirty Mile from falmouth haveing Little or no advantage of Gitting any Lumber to Purchas the Nessesareys of Life, by Reason of the Great Distance to Transport it, & Not Being as yet able to keep oxen Even to Plow our Land to Raise the Nessesareys of Life, Much more to Transport Lumber, and Even was it so that we Could Get Ever so much Down in the Winter Season, which is the only time we Can Transport it, by Reason of the Badness of the Roads, It is in So Little Demand at this time it will very hardly Pay the Hawling it to Market — so that we have Nothing to Support ourselves & famaleys, But only What we Can Raise out of Uncultivated Land in the Wilderness — and not the one half of us are able or Can Probably Raise Enough of the Nessesareys of Life to Suport our famaleys — And haveing Been at Great Charge in Raiseing Men for the Penobscut Campayn — and having Rec^{d} a Large Tax Warrant from the State Treasurer Dated 1779 To Raise £1341 : 13 : 4^{d} Which is assesed upon our Poles & Estates, and

the Counstable already haveing taken a Number of Cows, Young Cattle, and Sheep by Distress from the People to Discharge the s^d^ Tax and Many More Must be Distressed Dayly Which Renders our Case almost Deplorable, having Nothing to Raise Money With, but our Cows & Small Stock of Creatuers which is our Whole Dependance for the Suport of Life. And to our Great Suprise have Within a few Days Rec^d^ Another Tax Warrant from the State Treasurer to Raise £1341 : 13 : 4^d^ More, Which we Realy see no way to pay But to Sell our Lands, our Sons or our Daughters to Discharge and Pay the Same, & then Remove to the Towns from whence we Last Come & leave ourselves Upon the Marcy of the People there for the Suport of Life.

Therefore Most Humbly Pray that your Hon^rs^ Would Take our poor Distressed Case into your Most Wise & Compatinate Consideration and Disscharge us from the Last Tax of £1341 : 13 : 4 or as Much of it as you Shall Think Most Just and Equitable and your Pititioners as in Duty Bound Will Ever pray

John Hoit	Moses Mariner	Israel Bayly
Vinsen Robarts	Charles Gerrish	Jon^a^ Armstrong
Samuel York	Samuel Goodwin	Joshua Strout
Stephen Randel	Benja Vining	Joseph Davis
John Ferrow	Ezekiel Jones	William Robins
John Cushing	Samuel Smith	Walt^r^ Gavin
Elias Davis	Hugh Marwitz	
Stephen Wesson	John Winslow	Com^tte^

March the 2nd 1780

Petition of Soldiers relative to pay.

To the Hon. General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth — That your Petitioners were soldiers in the late Unfortunate

Expedition at Penobscot, under Capt. Gray, in Col. Mitchel's Regiment of Militia; that we expected to receive such a pecuniary reward as the Hon Court should order therefor, that we have not received any part of our wages; that Capt. Gray has offered to pay us the same, excepting a Stoppage of about Fifteen Shillings for each Man borne on his Rolls; which he says he has not received, and Col. Mitchel has kept for his Trouble of Carrying up the Rolls & bringing down the Money / The like Stoppage we have heard he has Made on all the Rolls he carried up / We have nothing to say against the Stoppages made by the Hon. Court for Arms &c But as we never gave any person any orders to draw or receive our Money, neither were any ways consulted by Capt. Gray or Col. Mitchel respecting the same — and could have had our Money bro't home without any charge to us; we think the whole is due to us, and the stopping any part thereof, is conspicuously taking away our Money without our consent — and as we know no difference between a Right to take the whole of our money without our consent — We have and do Refuse to take the same. Hitherto the property of a soldier has been deemed to be less in the power of an officer than even his Life itself. But, if a Colonel may, thro' the hands of his Captains, Stop a part of the wages of his Regiment; or if a Captain may Stop a part of the wages of his Company, without the consent, or any warrant from Authority Therefor / which part may be greatly increased, according to the pleasure of officers — as we hear there is great inequality in the Stoppages made in the several Companies in this Regiment) we humbly conceive, that the wages of private soldiers, promised, and stipulated, by the Legislative Power, will be a thing of great uncertainty — unless the Hon. Court should think proper to State the Fees of officers for their Trouble in making up Rolls, getting and paying off the same. All which, we have heard, some in this

Reg[t] have deducted from the Rolls. Such a Conduct we think, reflects paleness on the face of Civil Liberty; and hath indeed, a gloomy aspect toward thos who serve their Country in the Fields of War. We frankly own, with deference to the Hon. Court, that we must despise the service of that Country where such a Conduct is tolerated — at least only our Safety, and that of the Country can prompt us thereunto Not the Hope of reward. And how long we can be safe in such a Country your Honors will Judge. We do not Trouble the Hon. Court solely on account of the pecuniary sum and are very sorry that a Gentleman of Capt. Gray's Integrity has driven us thereunto — But we will not be plundered by officers of any Rank or Station, while we know of any means that we can use to prevent the same. We therefore Pray, that your Honors would appoint some suitable Person to draw our money according to the Rolls in the Secretary's office, or otherwise Relieve us as you in your Wisdom shall think fit. And as in Duty bound your Petitioners shall ever Pray.

Ozias Blanchard	Josiah Humphrey
James Crocker	Thomas Silvester
Abner Dennison	Daniel Worthley

North Yarmouth March 2[d] 1780

Petition of Andrew Patterson

To the Honourable the Counsal and house of Representatives In the State of Massachusetts bay in General Court assembled the petition of Captain Andrew patterson Humbley Sheweth that your petitioner lived at penobscut River at the time that our armey Retreated from magibagadouse, and that with a large family of nine Children and his wife were forsed to flee from the Enemy and was fourteen days in the

woods before he got to Kenebeck river, and left all his Cropp behind and all his household furniture, and he has been obliged to sell part of his Cloaths to suport his wife and Children — and your petitioner is now Distitute of the necessaries of life both food and Rainmant, your petitioner prays that your Honours would be pleased to take his Case into your Consideration and grant such Relife as you in your wisdom may see meet, and your petitioner as in duty bound will Ever pray

Andrew Patterson

Kennebeck River above Fort Hallifax March ye 2 1780

Mason Wheaton to Charles Cushing.

Thomaston March 2 1780

Hon[d]

Sir:

there Was this Day 2 men brought before me Who were accus'd with taking a Small Schooner By force of arms from a wharf in Salem the two men that belonged to the Schooner being unarmed were obliged to Com with them these men that took the Schooner Said they were Bound to Major Bagaduce, in their way to the Enemy they put in at Georges Island Where one of the farmers maid his escape to this Place and Informed us of his misfortune Six men from here armed them Selves and pursued them and at Fox Island found them and Retook the Schooner and Brought her in here I thought proper to forward them to you fast as I could inclosed I have Sent you the Resolve of Council Concerning them which was taken with one of them I have also Sent the Depositions of the Names that were forced away with the Schooner tho they are not very Correct I had thought

at first to Commit them to goal But Concluded to Refer it to you to Due with them as you think proper these from your Hum^le Servt

Mason Wheaton

Charles Cushing Esqr Brig. Gen Att Pownalborough

Letter from Coll Allan.

Machias March 3^d 1780

Sir,

My last was of the 25th Ult^o at the same time sent a Copy of a letter of the 6th Jany Accompanyed with a letter from Capt Mowat & an advertisement, a copy of which I now send for fear of their being again taken—

In my last I promised to Acquaint the Hon' 'ble Board how I fell in with the Two Persons & my reasons of going Westward.—

By repeated Intelligence & Advice, I was fully satisfyed that a Combination was on foot for opening a Trade with the Britains, in this Eastern County & that a Quantity of Masts Spares & other Lumber was Collecting for the purpose —I did not apprehend any thing woud be Done till the Spring Consequently keep'd easey myself on the Matter— But Intelligence Came that one Capt Cogswell a noted Tory and a Capt Mowat of a British Transport had Come thro^h the Country as far as Gouldsboro' without being molested or hendred—the former person Threatening what wou'd be done—at the Same Time Circular letters were Dispersed, for a Meeting of the Several Committees Excluding the Eastward of Narroguagus, the Design appears to get the several Districts to Submit to the Taking of their Lumber, as being a matter of Necessity to prevent Worse Evils from the Britains

Upon Viewing the matter Thoroly & the Steps Taken to Influence the minds of the Weak & Credulous, I tho't it Expedient for the Public Utility to make an Excurtion Westward, Expecting on the way to get some Volunteers & proceed as far as Bagaduce & to do what Damage I Cou'd to the Enemy — Having no other Troops, I Took a party of Indians, we were properly Equipt with Snow Shoes & they making a hasty march arrived at Frenchmans Bay the 2d Night, being suspicious that some body might be at Col Jone's, I took the Necessary precautions, suddenly entered the house where I found Capt Benja Millican late of Union River a Noted Tory & one Johnson Carpentor of the Nattulas, with them were some persons that woud Undoubtedly Surprise the Hon' 'ble Board — I sent the Prisoners to Machias — on our way here I recd Intelligence of a Trader with a Quantity of Articles procured at the Westward intended for Bagaduce, was froze up at oak point, I entended to have inquired into it, But the Indians Geting the Scent woud go that way, I was much afraid of the Consequence as I heard there was Rum, but Determined they were on going as the least name of a Tory with those with me was enough —

On my arrival there I found Rum & other Matters & According to Custom, notwithstanding my utmost endeavours, many of them got Drunk, this retarded me, & recd Intelligence that Express had got to Blue Hill Bay in the Morning & Probable woud be at Bagwaduce very soon, for fear of difficultys by the Indians keeping drunk I suddenly prepared for a Return, & sent the Indians on as I Coud get them off before me.

Notwithstanding all the Care I possibly Coud Take, the Indians Took Several matters tho' not of much value from this man, which I found out & gave him a receipt for, without Doubt he is most friendly to Britain, tho' it was not my Desire to have him Hurted — I returnd to machias after

having been away Ten Days Colo Jones Secreted himself or I shoud have bro't him to Machias, the Indians are most Inviterate against him & that Justly by What they have heard & seen — I had much ado to prevent his Interest from being distroy'd, my proposing to take his person was the only thing that prevented it.

During this Excursion I had Several Conferences with persons in Different Districts & find to Demonstration, the plan pursuing by a Number to Turn the Lumber Trade to Britain, I found the Common people as friendly as ever, but Depress'd being in General poor, depends upon Others for help & I know not which way to Act,—it was easily to perceive the impression this Excursion made on Friends as well as Enemys, & the Resentment of the Latter for Stoping at presant their business, people in General seem in a better State now, & I Could wish it was in my power to Support it.

If there is not Assistance soon the Country must fall, as soon as the Ice is gone the Ships will be out & without any manner of Doubt will Act so rigidly & the Indigent state of the People, as to force a Compliance, A Twenty Gun Ship is Expected every day at Frenchmans Bay for Masts, the Carpentor taken was there Inspecting them —

I need not mention the Indigent State of the Department as I have troubled the Hon'ble Board a great Deal about it already — but must Solicit a Speedy Dismission, There Cannot be a Gentleman in the Hon'ble Court that woud leave a person a Victim to the Vengeance of a Bloody Enemy, the Honor Confer'd upon, binds me to Continue to the last, but my Situation is such that I cannot be of service to my Country, & Liable to Every Disgrace myself, for I have it not in my power to oppose Forty men shoud they Attack us, the Indians are obliged to Draw of, to their hunting for present subsistence, nor have I Even it in my Power to furnish them with Ammunition for that purpose, Reproches &

Insults are repeated Daily for Breach of Promise, Oblige to Submit to every Indignity & Court them more than Ever.

Notwithstanding the poor way we have been in, the Expence has been Enormous for want of regular supplys — the Quantity of Butter Deposited here in the fall, was sufficient for the whole Amarican Army a Year, & which I expected to have been ordered to send westw^d before now — has been mostly Exchanged for Vigitables & other Necessarys to the greatest Disadvantage — a Quantity of the Peltry from the Truck House has been disposed of for the purpose, nor Coud I any way procure it otherways — all this Necessiated to keep the Indians, who are our only Defence, about Twenty five whites in the Service, has not had three Weeks Bread Since December, nor have I had in my own Quarters the Value of five Weeks in that Time, and seldom a Day passes without Twenty or Thirty Indians in the House at Victuals.

I have this day about 5 Bushels Corn left, which was Borrowed to give the Indians Tomorrow, after which I have neither Bread, Meat or any other thing (Butter Excepted) to give whites or Blacks —

But all these matters which are past, is not tho't of, nor the hardships we may Indure, in this respect. our Situation in respect of opposing our Enemys & Stoping their Progress is the greatest Trouble,— I shall take the Liberty to Communicate without the least Exaggeration the Situation of this Post.

At present Thirty three white persons in the whole; not one Weeks Provisions, about 200^w Powder for Cannon & Small Arms, The Indians for want of Subsistance Drawing of in the Woods, that in Ten days there will not be Fifteen Left — The Inhabitantts Dishearten'd by the Strength & Threats of the Enemy — great part of the Westward of Pleasant River, perticularly the leading people falling in with the Enemys

Terms, and every step taken to discourage the Militia in opposing — by which the Enemy Views this Post as a peculiar object to Distroy, in order to Accomplish their Plan —

For this End Colo Rogers went up the River St Johns the Last of December for Quebeck — where his brother had a party of Rangers & a Number of Indians Mowhawks & Iroquois, and without doubt are on their March at this Time, this Acc^{t} I rec^{d} from St Johns, Halifax & by a Private Acc^{t} from Bagwaduce — some Ships are ordered to block up the Harbour Early & a Number of Troops to Land large supplys Laid in at St Johns & Major Studholm has sent a Message for all the Indians to Assemble at St Johns to hear some great news for them & receive Presents, this is to draw them away till they Can Accomplish their Design — and I am afraid that most will Attend, as my Situation Cannot prevent it,— I hope from this the Hon'ble Court will Look at my Situation, & Relive me from those Difficultys I have the Honor to Be with very great Respect Sir

Your most Ob^{t} very hbS^{t}

J Allan

By Virtue of the last Summers Resolves I have Isued out orders to raise a Company of Rangers 20 to be Stationed at Frenchmans Bay, 20 at Narrawguagus & 20 at Pleasent River, till the first of May, it Takes much with the people & I Trust will be of great Service in Stoping the Designs of the Enemy.

I forgot to mention to the Hon'ble Board that there must not be anything allowed for Services done in this Department or things supply'd without a Certificate from me. Allso no Rations whatever to be allowed Militia to the Eastward of Frenchmans Bay, as I have furnished them a great part & obligations given, by me for the Remainder

The Hon'ble Jer. Powell Esqr

Joseph McLellan to the General Court.

Falmouth March 3d 1780

To the Honourable the General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay

A Convention of a number of Committees in the County of Cumberland beg leave to represent to the Honourable Court their Situation & Circumstances.

By all accounts from Penobscott, by deserters universally, & by other persons from thence we are informed that Gen[l] McLean is recruiting in and about Hallifax, that Major Rogers is recruiting in the back parts of Nova Scotia in Order to make a descent early in the Spring on Falmouth and to annex as large a part of the Province of Main as possible to the British territories to the Northward,

We are lately inform'd that the Forces at Penobscott already amount to a thousand Men; altho' neither M[c]Lean nor Rogers have yet return'd: That the abovesaid M[c]Lean & Rogers are shortly expected with their Recruits, when, it is said Falmouth is their Object.

The Convention therefore pray in behalf of their Constituents, that the Honourable Court would Grant them a body of Men absolutely necessary for their Defence in case of an invasion. They also stand in need of an Enginere as well as experienced Officers.

It is needless for this Convention to represent to the Court the importance of this Country to the United States, or that all East of Falmouth must fall into the Enemy's hands should they take post here. We therefore hope the honourable Court will take our dangerous State into their Wise consideration, & beg leave to subscribe,

your Honors most Obed[t] hum[l] Serv[ts]

Joseph M[c]Lellan

By Order of the Convention.

In the House of Representatives March 16, 1780

Read and committed to the Committee who have under consideration, the situation of the Eastern parts of the State —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council March 16^t, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y.

A Number of Gent. Acquainted with the eastern part of the State give it as their Oppinion that in order to be on the Defensive it is necessary to have

400 Men, with 40 Whale Boats at Falmouth, with a Skilful Engineer to make Defensive Preparation &^c

1000 Men & 100 Whale Boats in County Lincoln 200 of which to be sent to Machias to Coll Allen.

To Apply to the State of New Hampshire for Troops

Two or three Cruisers to be sent immediately on the Eastern shore to protect the Coasters

That Coll Allen should have a Supply sent him in order to retain the Indians in our Favour.

The Troops to be raised at Large in this State

4 Field Pieces 4 & 6 pounders

Brass Mortars

Small Cruiser 5 or 10 Guns

The Smallest the Enemy has 8 Guns

Letter from J Allan

Machias March 5th 1780

Sir

Having an opportunity Westward — and the Danger (by reason of the Enemy) that my Letters may not reach Boston — I take the Liberty of Writing a Copy of Part of my Letter

which I request the favour of the Honble Board to attend to as a Matter of Fact —

March 3d = I shall Take the Liberty to Communicate to the Honble Board without the least Exaggeration the Situation of this Port —

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I hope from this the Honble Court, will Look to my Situation and Relieve me from these Difficultys — I have the Honour to Be with Great Respect Sir

Your most obed very hbl servt

J Allan

In Council April 7t 1780

Read & Sent down

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives April 7th 1780

Read & committed to the Committee appointed to consider what further measures are necessary to be taken for the defence of the Eastern Parts of this State And the Committee are directed to sit forthwith —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr

In Council April 7 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy.

Letter of J. Allan.

Indian Eastern Department

Head Quarters Machias March 5th 1780

Gentlemen

I have to request of you, that should any Vessel or Vessels with Supplies for this Department put into any of your Districts; that you will please to give every Assistance, (and Communicate to the Master my Desire of their using their Utmost Endeavours to reach this Post, as a matter of the greatest Importance to the United States.

The Letter with this must be forwarded with all Expedition; but with the greatest Care and Caution — Let this be forwarded to the several Committees westward of Campden —

I am very respectfully Gentlemen Your most Obedt Hble Servt

J Allan Con Agt

of Indians & Commy of Machias

The Committees, Majistrates & Militia Officers of the Several Towns & Districts Westward of Camden

State of Massachusetts Bay

Letter of John Gray to John Lewis.

North Yarmouth March 6th 1780

Esqr Lewis Sir if Mr Crockers Partision shuld be sent to Court by you Concerning the Stopage of Eny part of his wagers or Eny others that May Sine Sd Pertision pray be So kind as to Let the Court know that I dont Stop one farthin more than Col Mitchel had out of the Money for his Expence of gitting the Same and to Pay that Expence out of my Pocket I think very hard & Unreasonable when I Can Make it apear I have Lost all my wagers other ways I hope you will Save Me harmless if you Can — Nothing further only wishing you a good Jorny to Boston and a Safe Return from your Frind & Humble Sart

John Gray

Mr John Lewis Esqr In N. Yarmouth

Certificate of Thomas Watson in favor of Arthur Spencer.

Boston 6th March 1780

This may Certify that upon the Expedition to Penobscut Doctor Arthur Spencer was Doctor of the Armed Ship Charming Sally Commanded by Alexander Holms Given under our hands

Their Commander

Daniel Waters Putnam of the
John Cathcart Hazard
John F. Williams Tyranacide

An Inventry of Cloths &ce lost by Arth Spencer at Penobscut

	£	S	d
2 Broad Cloth Coats & Westcoats	160	0	0
3 Summer Weastcoats	90	0	0
4 pr Breeches	90	0	0
8 New Shirts	240	0	0

5	Old D°	60	0	0
10	p^r Stockings	90	0	0
8	New Cambrick Stocks	72	0	0
2	Check Shirts	20	0	0
1	Matrass Bolster & Pillow	100	0	0
2	Blankets	30	0	0
2	p^r Sheets	60	0	0
1	Trunk	30	0	0
8	Handkerchiefs	70	0	0
Cash expended for Traveling		86	2	0
2	Months Wages	60	0	0
		£1258	2	0

N. B. Besides Books and Instruments which its impossible to replace

Arthur Spencer

Boston 6 March 1780

This may Certify that Doctor Arthur Spencer was Doct^r of the Armed Ship Charming Sally, Alex^r Holms Commander, upon the Expedition to Penobscut where he lost all his Clothes &ce and in a most miserable manner returned to this Town —

Thomas Watson C: M:

Boston 20th March 1780 Charming Sally

Resolve committing the Petition of Arthur Spencer.

To the Honorable the Council, and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

March 6, 1780

The Petition of Arthur Spencer in the most hum^l maner Sheweth

That your Petitioner upon the Expidition to Penobscot was Doctor of the Arm'd Ship Charming Sally, where he

was unfortunate enough to loose every attom of Cloths he was possessed of in the World. That your Petitioner through over Violent fatigue, which brought on a Fever was confined for upward of Three Weeks. That your Petitioner has never had any restitution made him either for Wages, Expences or anything whatever.

That your Petitioner through the extreme severity of the Winter and the Exorbitant prices of every necessary of life has been reduced to a State of Indigence and want truely deplorable; which compells him to lay before your Honors his unhappy situation and in the most humble and pressing maner Solicit your Honors to take his pitiable case into consideration and grant him such assistance as your Honors may thinke proper and put it in his power with a Heart overflowing with gratitude to declare Penobscot has not been his final Ruin and your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray

Arthur Spencer

Boston 6 March 1780

In the House of Representatives Mar. 18, 1780

Read & committed to the Committee on Accounts —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council March 18^t 1780

Read & Nonconcurred

John Avery D Sec'y

In Council March 24th 1780

Read again and the Board reconsider their Vote of Nonconcurrence passed the 18th Ins^t & Ordered — That Thomas Cushing Esqr with such as the Hon'ble House shall join be a Committee to take into Consideration this Petition of Doc^r Arthur Spencer and report what may be proper to be done thereon —

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec^y

In the House of Representatives March 24th 1780

Read & Concurrd & Capt Brooks & Capt Reed are joined —

John Hancock Spkr

The Committee of both Houses appointed to take under their Consideration the Petition of Doctor Arthur Spencer have attended the service & take leave to Report that it will be Expedient to Refer the Consideration of this Petition untill Such Time as the Cases of all such as were Engaged in the Penobscot Expedition & who have suffered in like manner with Doctor Spencer, shall be taken under the Consideration of the General Assembly, so that, in Case it should be thought just & reasonable to make them any Compensation for their Sufferings, the same line of Conduct may be observed with Respect to all of them

All which is Submitted

Thomas Cushing pr order

In Council March 30t 1780

Read & Accepted Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

Report of Selectmen of Falmouth.

The Select men of the Town Falmouth would inform the Honble Court, that upon the Reseet of the Courts Resolve of Sepr Last Respecting Blankets, they Exerted themselves to Procure the Number of Blankets Requested of this town, but Could not at that time, Neither Can they at Present Procure any in the town of Falmouth, in addittion to those that were Lost When the town was Burnt, the Repeated Loss of that article by the Seamen of this place & those Lost by the Penobskut Expedition — has Striped the Inhabitants to that Degree that they have not Enough to Cover themselves, we

would farther Inform the Honble Court that we have Done to the utmost in our Power in Procuring Shurts Shoes & Stockings — we are with all Due Respect your Honors Most obedient Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}

Richard Codman } Selectmen
Benj. Titcomb } of the town
Daniel Dole } of Falmouth

Falmouth March 7th 1780

In Council March 27^{t}, 1780
Read & Sent down
John Avery D Secy

General Wadsworth to Board of War.

Boston 8th March 1780

Sir

I think it would be for the good of the Service, if in Addition to the Orders I have already received, of the hon^{ble} Board, I might have orders to raise a Company (or at least a part of one) of Voluntiers. There are a considerable Number of good Men that are driven from their Habitations, in & about Penobscott who would gladly engage in such a Company, & whose Assistance will be necessary as Pilots, Spys &c &c & who, if not enlisted cannot be had without ready Pay I should also be glad to be furnish^{d} with Six Stands of Arms & Accoutrements for Security of my Passage down.

Also the Treason Act, if it is not thot fit to declare the martial Law, & two Blanketts from Sir Your most obedient & very humble serv^{t}

Peleg Wadsworth

Honble Jeremiah Powell Esqr

In Council March 9^{t}, 1780
Read & Sent down
John Avery D Sec'y.

Communication of Council to the General Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber March 8: 1780

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

By the best Intelligence from Europe it Appears highly Probable that the King of Great Britain is determined upon pursuing Measure to Reduce the United States of America to a State of Abject Slavery. He is reinforcing his Army & Navy; Another Campaign therefore may be expected, and the most Vigorous Exertions are necessary on our Part that we may have a respectable Army early in the Feild, No Time there fore should be lost for compleating our Quota of the Continental Army, Congress, sensible of this, have in their Letter of the 10th of February last, which will be laid before you by the Secretary, Recommended in the strongest Terms a punctual Compliance with a Resolution they passed the 9th of February requiring the States respectively to furnish by Drafts or otherwise, on or before the first of April next, their respective deficiencies of the number of Thirty five Thousand Two Hundred & Eleven men, exclusive of Commissioned Officers, which they think necessary for the service of the present year, Our Proportion as Settled by Congress, amounts to Six Thousand and seventy. We are perswaded, that at this critical stage of the present glorious Contest, you will not be wanting in the most zealous Efforts to Comply with this Requisition; at the same time we are constrained earnestly to recommend it to you & take the most speedy & effectual Measures that the Militia of this State may be properly Equipped with Arms & Ammunition — that the Several Fortresses may be garrisoned with a sufficient number of Men & put in the best Posture of Defence, and that such quantities of Provision & Ammunition may be provided as to put us in a scituation to repell the Enemy,

if they should Attempt an Invasion of this State the Approaching Season. We have directed the Secretary to lay before you Sundry Letters & Resolutions of Congress that have been received during the recess, one dated the 14th Decr last inclosing a Resolution "that all the States shall be called upon to furnish their Quotas of such supplies as may from time to time be wanted for carrying on the War," No requisition, in pursuance of this Resolution, has yet been made upon this State for any Specific articles: Had this Measure been adopted by Congress early last fall, it might have been practicable at that season of the year, for this State to have furnished the articles that might have been required; but under present Circumstances we Cannot think of any other way more expedient or Effectual for this Purpose, than to furnish the Agent or Agents appointed by the Commissary General to purchase Provisions & Stores for ye Army within this State, with Cash out of the money raised for ye United States, certainly is best acquainted with the Business, Can Effect it with the greatest Ease & Dispatch, & will be accountable if it is not accomplished, provided he is supplied seasonably by us with Money for this Purpose, and upon this Subject we cannot omit to observe, that as farther Emissions of Continental Money have Ceased & Congress depend for the future on Loans & Taxes for the Sums Necessary to Carry on the War, It will be for you to take decisive & Effectual Measures for seasonably levying & Collecting this States Proportion of the Continental Taxes, Congress have pointed out what sums they Expect from this State by the Month of October next; and unless their Requisitions are punctually Complyed with the Consequences may be fatal, The Alacrity with which the Assemblys of this State have hitherto Enacted Laws for raising Taxes & the ready Compliance of the people therewith leave no room to doubt but that you will still Continue to manifest your zeal for

the Common Cause by immediately making ample Provision for this Purpose.

The Secretary will also lay before you a Letter of the 18 of January last inclosing a Resolution of Congress of the 13 for the Regulation of Prisoners of War; and a Resolution of the 14th of January recommending that Provision be made for Conferring like Privileges and immunities on the subjects of his Most Christian Majesty within this State as are granted to the Subjects of the United States of America within the Kingdom of France Agreable to the Eleventh Article of the Treaty of Amity & Commerce

These Resolutions are important, the one as it may respect the more speedy enlargement of Unfortunate men in Captivity, and the other as it will afford us an opportunity of testifying our Regard to the Interest of that Prince with whom the United States have formed so happy a Connection --

A Committee of Several town plantations in ye County of Lincoln having represented that the Inhabitants of that part of the Eastern Country had been greatly distressed & Impoverished by the guards y^t^ have been kept up for their defence Against the British Forces Stationed at Majorbigwaduce and that there was a necessity of some Assistance being immediately afforded them, by a supply of Men & Provisions for their Support, The Council have thought fit. Agreeable to ye Powers with which they were Invested the last Session, to order two Companies consisting of fifty men each Including Officers to be raised, one in the County of York & the other in ye County of Lincoln, to Continue in Service for the term of three months from their arrival at Camden (the place of their Rendezvous) unless sooner discharged there to follow the orders of Brigadier Wadsworth, whom we have appointed to take ye Command of such men as shall be raised for ye defence of ye Eastern Country and have also Issued

Orders to the Board of War to supply Waterman Thomas Esq, whom we have appointed Commissary to ye two Companies before mentioned, with such Camp Equipage Provisions & Ammunition as shall be necessary. ¶ We have also Issued a Warrant on the Treasury for a Sum of Money to purchase Eight Whale Boats which we apprehend will be absolutely necessary for ye use of ye Troops before Mentioned ¶ We have Endeavoured to obtain the best information possible of ye circumstances of that Country & of the Strength & Situation of the British Fort at Majorbigwaduce & have made a representation of ye same to the Delegates of this State at Congress, & Instructed them to lay ye same before that Honble Body & to Urge the Necessity of their taking some effectual Measures, as soon as possible for the removal of ye Enemy from the Post they now possess We rely upon the success of this application

We have been Informed by the Board of War that not a twentieth part of the Debts contracted by means of the Expedition to Penopscut have been discharged, We recommend this matter to your immediate Attention, The Creditors of this Government upon this & other occassions are very great sufferers & the Reputation of this State requires that Provision should be immediately made for the Payment of the Debts Due to them

We shall cheerfully Concur with you in all such Measures as may be thought necessary for the advancement of the Interest of this and the United States—

Enoch Ilsley to Board of War.

Falm^o^ ye 9th March 1780

Gentle^n^

Inclosed is Capt Waites Receipt for one Cask & one bundle of Clothing & Blankets for the Soldiers, which John Lewes

Esqr Agent Directed me to send to your Hon^{rs}, which Pleas to Receive & pay the freight, the Cask Contains.— fifty four p^{r} Shose 20 shirts & 22 p^{r} Stokens the bundle 10 shirts, 5 p^{r} Stokens & 11 blankets I should have pack^{d} them all in a larger Cask, but the bundle I Rec^{d} Since the Vessell was loaded & a larger Cask Could not be put under Deck —

Your Humb Servt

Enoch Ilsley

The Hon^{bl} Board of Warr

Chairman of Convention at Narraguagus to Genl Court.

Most Respectable Sirs,

Narraguagus 9th March 1780

The Deligates from the Townships Laying between Machias and Frenchmans-Bay in Convention Assembled, Beg Leave to Address your Honor's on the present unhappy Situation of this Country, and Inform your Honor's that ever since the Commencement of this unnatural and Horid War, the Inhabitants of these Townships have Indured every Hardship, (depending on the Assistance and Protection of your Honor's) with Patience and Resolution becoming Men Determined to be Free We Humbly represent to your Honor's that the Method of Raising Men in this Country for it's Defence, does not by any Means Strengthen us, as the Inhabitants are still unanimous in Defending their Country can they be supported with the assistance of their Countrymen, that the season fast approaches, when We may Expect that our Enemys will Visit this Extensive sea-coast, at present Intirely unable to Defend themselves — that we have already received their Threatning Advertizment, wherein they Command all the Inhabitants of these Townships Immediately to present themselves at Major-Bagaduce to take the oath of Fidelity —

and We are happy to further Inform your Honor's that even at this day of great Distress, we are Unanimous and Determined in opposing the Enemy to the Last Extremity, and We Flatter ourselves that should We be assisted by our Bretheren from the Westward, We shall be able to avoid our Threatned Distruction, Hourly Expecting, and Impatiently waiting your Honors Determination in favour of these Settlements, and Assistance, we Remain with all due Submission, by order of the Convention —

Your Honors Most Obed^{t} Hum Servt
Daniel Merit Chairman

Paul Revere to the Council and Genl Court.

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled.

The Petition of Paul Revere Lieut Colonel and Commander of a Corps of Artillery in the service of said State sheweth

That upon a charge of Misconduct in the late Expedition to Penobscot, exhibited against him to the Hon^{bl} Council by Thomas Jeners Carnes, he was by Order of the said Council on the 6th day of Septem^{r} last arrested and Ordered to resign the Command of Castle Island and remove himself to his dwelling house in Boston there to continue until the matter complained of could be duly inquired into, or he be discharged by the General Assembly or the Council.

That on the 9th of the same month Septem^{r} your Petitioner received another Order of Council, whereby the Arrest aforesaid was taken off and he directed to pass an examination before a Committee of the General Assembly appointed to enquire into the Cause of the Failure of the said expedition, which Order as in duty bound, he obeyed; but the said Com-

mittee after enquiring into his conduct neither acquitted nor Condemned him.

That your petitioner did petition this Honorable Court on the last day of September Session praying for a Court Martial to try his conduct agreeable to the Continental Regulations under which his Corps of Artillery, was put by a Resolve of the 29th of June 1779; which Petition was refered to the Committee above named, who afterwards reported particularly respecting him, but the Report, as he understood, was not agreed to by both Houses

That in such a situation as must be deam'd grievous to any officer, Your Petitioner has three several times requested the Honble Council to order a Court Martial upon him, but has been so unfortunate as not to obtain one; for want of which he has been six months suffering all that Indignity which his Enemies, who he conceives make it a personal affair, are pleased to impose upon him.

Your petitioner therefore most earnestly prays this Honorable Assembly to take his Case under Consideration and Order a Court Martial to try his conduct as commander of the Corps aforesaid, either generaly or particularly during the said Expedition to Penobscot, and your Petitioner will ever pray

Paul Revere

Boston March 9th 1780

In the House of Representatives Marh. 16, 1780

Read & thereupon Orderd That Mr Greenleaf & Mr Fessenden with such as the Honble Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same — & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council March 16th 1780

Read & Concurred & Tim^o^ Danielson Esqr is joined

John Avery D Sec'y

Petition of John Megoff.

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled —

John Megoff begs leave humbly to shew to your Honors by this his Memorial — That he was a Sailor on board the Brigantine Tyrranicide Allen Hallet Esq[r] Commander in the Service of this State, and that in an Engagement with the Enemy when the Armed Brig[t] Revenge was Captured by the Tyrranicide, your Memorialist lost his Leg by which misfortune he is totally deprived of the means of procuring a livelihood and is now in an extreemly distressed situation and as it has been the practice of all Nations to make a Provision for Persons in circumstances similar to your Memorialist, and as Your Memorialist conceives such Provision to be founded upon the Principles of Justice & humanity he humbly prays your Honors to take his distressed case into your wise consideration and afford him such relief as in your Wisdom may appear proper

John × Megoff

Petition of Town of Cape Elizabeth.

State of the Massachusetts Bay to the Honourable the Council and the Honourable the House of Representatives in General Court Assembled March 1780

The Petition of the Town of Cape Elizabeth Humbly Sheweth that the port of Falmouth and Cape Elizabeth is in a poor State of Defence & if the Enemy make a Deccent on the port the whole Eastern parts must suffer and as the Honourable Court have allowed but twenty four Matross for the Defince of said port this year & our fears Greater then Usual Would pray the Honourable Court to Augment the

Number in the Fort at Cape Elizabeth to one full Company & Supply them with some more & heavier Canon & amunition & Supply them with provisions without the Crossing the River to Falmouth which will be Difficult if the Enemy should Send Shiping in, but if it is incompatable with the wisdome of your Honour, would pray that we may not be Weakened by Drafts on our Militia this Summer as their Number is Greatly Decreased from what it was heretofore — As we Never had any Coulars for said Foart would pray the honourable Court to send Some & provide a Guard Boat & men to make Discovery without the harber if your Honours in Wisdom see fit and your petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray

George Deake } Selectmen of
George Stuart } Cape Elizabeth

P. C. We also pray your Honours that we may have a good Spay glas for the yous of the fort on Spring Pint

Henry Dyer Charman
Commity of Saftey for Cap Elizabeth

In the House of Representatives March 14th 1780

Read & thereupon Order'd — that Majr Osgood Mr Lewis & Coll Dawes — with such as the Honble Board Shall join be a Committee to consider the same — and also the Letter & Petition from Coll Mason Wheaton — & report what is proper to be done thereon —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr

In Council March 14th 1780

Read & Concurred & Samuel Adams and
Joseph Simpson Esqrs are joined

John Avery D Secy

Resolve of Council.

State of Mass^{ts} Bay

In Council March 13th 1780

Whereas the difficulty & hazzard of Travelling on the First Tuesday of January last prevented the Justices of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas, or any two of them meeting together for holding or adjourning the Inferiour Court of Common pleas in the County of York, and as a failure of Justice may arise to the Suiters thereat unless a remedy is provided in that behalf — It is therefore Resolved that all actions pending in the said Inferiour Court of Common pleas on the first Tuesday of January last & all Writs and other processes returnable thereat, may be returned taken up acted upon & have day in the Inferiour Court of Common pleas by Law appointed to be held at York within and for the County of York on the Second Tuesday of April next, as fully and effectually as they might have been on the first Tuesday of January last, of which all Persons Interested are to take Notice & govern themselves accordingly

Sent down for Concurrence

Saml Adams Secr^{y}

In the House of Representatives March 14, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Hancock Spkr

Consented to

Jer Powell	Moses Gill	Saml Baker
A Ward	B. White	J Simpson
Caleb Cushing	T. Danielson	Aaron Wood
T Cushing	N Cushing	E Cutts
J Fisher	Jno Pitts	Saml Niles

Resolve on the letter of Col^{o} Noyes.

Resolved, that the Sale of said Articles as Represented in said Letter & Confirmed by the Accounts of some persons

present were conducted in a manner Injurious to the Reputation of the American States, and of this Government in Particular. And as all Flaggs are under the protection of Government & no loss or Embezzlement should be suffered to take place—

Resolved, that Peter Noyce Esqr be & hereby is Impowered to receive into his possession all & every Article saved out of said Cartel, to be kept in his Custody untill the further Order of the Council of this State, & that the present possessors be & hereby are requested to deliver the same to the said Peter Noyce Esqr—who is to return an Inventory thereof into the Secretary's Office as soon as may be & the present possessors may Exhibit to the General Assembly their Accounts for any Advances or Expences made by them on Account of said Articles—all which is humbly submitted

In Council March 18, 1780
Read & Accepted
Sent down for Concurrence
John Avery D Sec'y

In the House of Representatives March 25 1780
Read & concurred as taken into a new draught
Sent up for Concurrence—
John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council March 25, 1780
Read & Concurred
John Avery D Secy

Consented to

Jere Powell	D. Davis	N Goodman
W. Sever	T. Danielson	Edwd Cutts
A Ward	N Cushing	T. Edwards
S Adams	J Simpson	A Fuller
B. White	Sam Niles	Jno Pitts

Resolve of Council in the Case of Col. Revere.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council March 18th 1780

Whereas Lieut Colo Paul Revere of the Trans belonging to This State has petitioned The General Court that a Court Martial might be called to try his Conduct while serving in the late Expedition to Penobscutt

Therefore Resolved That the Council of This State be and hereby are impower'd and requested to appoint a Court Martial to consist of such Militia [A] or Continental Officers [B] or officers of the Train or of all or either of them [C] as they may think proper, for the Tryal of Lieut Colo Paul Revere touching his Behavour, as is particularly set forth in The Report of a Committee of the General Court appointed to examine into the Conduct of the Officers of the Train employed on the Expedition to Penobscutt

Dated Novr 16 1779

And it is further Resolved that the Council of This State be and hereby are impowerd and requested to examine, and allow the reasonable Accounts of the several Members That may be appointed on the aforesaid Court Martial for their expences while sitting, and give Warrants on the Treasurer of this State for the Payment of the same

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives March 21 — 1780

Read and concurred with the following amendments vizt at A dele Continental & dele from B to C

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council March 21 1780

Read & Concurred John Avery D Sec'y

Mr Tudor Col Aspinwall Capt Wales

Consented to —

Jere Powell	T. Danielson	Jn° Pitts
A Ward	Tim Edwards	N. Cushing
T. Cushing	J Simpson	A Fuller
J Fisher	Aaron Wood	N. Goodman
B. White	Oliver Prescott	Edwd Cutts

Resolve of General Court respecting Schr. Nancy.

State of the Massachusetts Bay}

The Committee to whom was committed the letters of Col° Peter Noyes together with the report of the Committee of both Houses upon that Letter, ask leave to report the following resolves.

In the House of Representatives March 25, 1780

Whereas it appears to this Court that the Schooner Nancy a Vessel in the service of the Enemy & duly commissioned as a Cartel on her passage from Halifax to this State was cast ashore on or about the 12th day of Feby last at Cape Elizabeth, and whereas it appears that the Articles saved from the Wreck were afterwards unfairly & illegally sold

And Whereas all Cartels with their appurtenances are under the special protection of the State in whose Ports they arrive & the reputation of the Government is interested in preventing any Embezzlement or unnecessary Loss to the Enemy, who in such instances by the Laws of Nations have a right to confide in the Faith & Justice of the Government to defend & secure such property; And Whereas it appears that the Appurtenances saved out of the aforesaid schooner were sold & the Shell burnt without the permission or knowledge of proper authority —

Therefore resolved that the said Peter Noyes be & he hereby is authorized & impower'd to demand & receive of each

& every Possessor of the several articles which were saved from said Cartel, all such articles & in case of refusal to make return of the name of each Person so refusing to the Council of this State, in order that a due process of Law may be had for the recovery of the Property so irregularly obtain'd, & injuriously withheld

And the said Peter Noyes is hereby directed to make & return to the Council an exact inventory of the Articles he may receive in consequence of this resolve & to hold such Articles in safe Custody untill he shall receive the Orders of Council concerning the same.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to consider & report what is necessary to be done for the Defence of the eastern Parts of this State beg Leave to make the following Report which is submitted

Sam[l] Adams pr order

Whereas it is of the greatest Consequence to this, & the other United States to defend the eastern parts of this State from the Encroachments & Depredations of an unprovoked, but persevering Enemy—

Therefore Resolved—That Six hundred Men properly officered & equiped be immediately raised within the State & stationed as follows (Viz[t]) One hundred Men at Machias, —Two hundred Men at Campden in the County of Lincoln Three hundred Men at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland—And that the Commanding officer be empowered to raise a Company of Volunteers in the County of Lincoln to consist of fifty Men properly officered & to be stationed at Campden—

Resolved, that Thirty Whale Boats be procured—Twenty of them to be appropriated for the use of the Troops at Campden; & Ten, for the Troops at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth.—

Resolved that the commanding officer of the Troops

stationed at Campden, be empowered to exercise martial Law in the County of Lincoln, from the Sea Coasts ten miles back & the Island adjacent when he shall judge the Good of the Service and the Safety of the State shall necessarily require it

And also that an Engineer of Experience be immediately procured & ordered to Falmouth, to view the Works already constructed there & to lay out such other Works as he may Judge absolutely necessary for its Defence —

In Council March 18^{t}, 1780

Read & Sent down

John Avery D Sec'y

Coll Dawes Mr Rawson Ben Titcomb

In the House of Representatives March 22, 1780

Read & pass'd as taken into a new draught

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council March 24th 1780

Read & Concurred as taken into a New Draught as reported by the Committee of both Houses appoint'd yesterday

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives March 24, 1780

Read & concurred with the following amendments viz.

At D-E- and F- insert "from the Line of the Militia

At C-dele- Chaplain —

Dele from G to H and insert "shall give orders for that purpose accordingly" And the Council are

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council March 25^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D Secy

Consented to

Jer Powell	S Adams	A Fuller
W. Sever	T Danielson	J Simpson
A. Ward	N Cushing	Jn° Pitts
T. Cushing	Tim Edwards	N Goodman
D Davis	B. White	E Cutts

Waterman Thomas to the General Court.

To the Honorable Council and the Honorable House of Representatives for said State — Memoral of Waterman Thomas Humbly Sheweth

Your Memoralist being Appointed by Brig^{r} Genl Cushing June 26th 1777 Commissary for the Troops Detached from his Brigade in July last, greatest part of said Troops, being Supplied with Provision One Month at Cambden, by your Memoralist, before our fleet arrived from Boston, also the Troops after the Defeat, & Maj^{r} Lithgow Detachment untill the 1st November, and being Supplied by your Hon^{r} with only 3001^{w} bread 11786^{w} Rice 2013^{w} Flower and an Order on the Treasury for £4000, at which time I Rec^{d} but about One half of the Money which was in Septr Your Memoralist begs leave to Inform your Hon^{r} that he has been Oblidged to Advance large sums of Money and Borrow a Quantity of Bread, Molasses & Coffee by reason of the extream Scarcity of bread in that Quarter in July Last was Obliged to Issue Coffe and such Articles as I could obtain by Col° McCobb Orders, your Memoralist haveing Received no Satisfaction for Money Advanced, or Articles Supplyed the Troops, and as the Price of every Commodity is so much enhanced, your Memoralist cannot think of Receiveing, the Nominal Sum, the said Articles then went at, as I have been kept out of my Money so long though, I have often applyed for the same and great part of the Articles, above Mentioned being Borrowed of

Orphan Children; and the Inhabitants, who have forsakeing their homes at Penobscut, Fox Island & Long Island, Supplied your Memoralist with most part of the Beef, for s^{d} Troops, being most of what they saved from faling into the Enemies hand, and being promis^{d} by your Memoralist to Receive, what your Hon^{r} Allowed for the same, theirfore your Memoralist cannot think of making up his Accounts At the Regulated Price in Justice to said Destressed Inhabitants, Wherefore your Memoralist Prays your Honour would take the Matter into your Wise Consideration, and Appoint a Committee, to Settle with your Memoralist so as to enable him to Discharge his Obligations, given on the faith of this State with Honour & Justice and as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Waterman Thomas

Boston March 20th 1780

Certificate in behalf of William Morgan.

Navy Board E. D. Boston 20th March 1780

This may certify that William Morgan, mariner, served on board the Continental Ship Warren Dudley Saltonston Esqr Commander on the late expedition to Penobscot
To all whom it may concern

Wm Vernon for
the Board

To the Honble Council and House of Representatives

John Lucas Commissary of Pensions, in behalf of William Morgan Mariner Served on board the ship Warren Dudley Saltonston Commander, and was wounded in his right Arm In the Attack made on the Enemy the 1st of Augs^{t} 1779 at Penobscott by his Certificates —

John Lucas Com^{dry}

Boston Mar 21, 1780

Committee of Congress to the Council.

Philadelphia 20th March 1780

Sir

Since the Receipt of your letter of Feby 9th the attention of Congress has been so engaged with ye affairs of ye Army & Finance as to preclude an oppertunity of making any propositions respecting ye Expenditures of ye State in ye penobscot Expedition: but We hope this Business will not be much longer delayed: The Resolution mentioned in your letter would be useful on this occasion, & not being able to find it in ye Journals, after ye most careful Examination thereof, We are under ye necessity of requesting you to point it out — We are nevertheless convinced of ye Justice of ye Claim & shall prefer it to Congress by ye earliest oppertunity, being Sir with great Respect

Your most obedt & very humle servt

E Gerry
James Lovell
S Holten
Geo Partridge

In Council April 8, 1780

Read & sent down, with Several
Papers accompanying

John Avery D Secy.

Hona Jeremiah Powell Esqr President of ye Council of Massa Bay

Resolve of Council.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives March 20, 1780

On the Petition of Lieut William Albe Praying that he Might Receive the Cloathing which he in Justice is Entitled To for Reasons Set forth in sd Petition —

Resolved that the Prayer of s^{d} Petition be granted and That the Board of war be and they are hereby directed To Deliver to Lieu^{t} William Albe the Same quantity of Cloathing and on the same terms which the Officers in Col Craffts Regi^{mt} of Artilery are Intitled to Receive —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council March 21 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jere Powell	B White	A Fuller
W. Severs	O Prescott	Edwd Cutts
A Ward	Jno Pitts	Aaron Wood
T. Cushing	Saml Edwards	N Cushing
T. Danielson	Saml Niles	
J Fisher	J Simpson	

Resolve for raising a Number of Men.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives March 21st 1780

Whereas it is of the greatest consequence to this & the other United States to defend the eastern parts of this State, from the incroachments & Depredations of an unprovoked but persevering Enemy — therefore Resolved that Six hundred men Non Commissioned Officers included be immediately raised in addition to the two Companies already raised from the Counties of York & Lincoln to serve in the Eastern parts of this State, and to be under the Command of Brigadier General Wadsworth excepting such as shall be ordered to Machias those to be under the Command of Col^{o} John Allan during their Continuance those for the term of eight months from the time they shall arrive at the place of their

Destination unless sooner discharged, in the following manner Viz^t That the Brigadier or Commanding Officer of the County of York, detach or cause to be detached from the Brigade under his Command, Two hundred & sixty Men, to be formed into four Company's of sixty five men each, with proper Officers [D] to Command them — That the Brigadier or Command^g Officer of the County of Cumberland detach or cause to be detached from the Brigade under his Command, two hundred & forty men, to be formed into four Companies of sixty men each, with proper Officers [E] to Command them — That the Brigadier or Command^g Officer of the County of Lincoln detach or cause to be detached from the Brigade under his Command, one hundred men to be formed into two Companies of fifty men each, with proper [F] Officers to Command them — The aforesaid six hundred men [C] to compose One Regiment: The Field Officers Chaplain, Adjutant Quartermaster, Surgeon & Surgeons Mate, to be appointed by the Honble the Maj^r Part of the Council from the Militia or otherwise —

Resolved that the aforesaid Brigadiers or Command^g Officers of Brigades shall forthwith make said detachments, or cause them to be made indiscriminately from the Train Band & Alarm List; and all other male persons above the age of sixteen years: excepting ministers of the Gospel, Grammar School Masters, Indians Nigroes & Molattoes, & form the Men so detached as aforesaid, and cause them to be mustered before some Muster Master, appointed in the said Counties and marched without delay by the most Convenient Rout, those raised in the County of York to Falmouth, those raised in the Counties of Cumberland & Lincoln to New Meadows excepting one Company of forty men wth proper Commission Officers raised in the County of Cumberland are hereby directed to rendezvous at Falmouth with those raised in the County of York — Then to be disposed

off in the following manner Viz^{t} one hundred, for Machias, Two hundred for Camden — Three hundred to remain at Falmouth, But in case a different disposition at any time shall appear to be more for the advantage & security of the Inhabitants in that Quarter, The Command^{g} officer [G] will receive orders from the Hon^{l} the Maj^{r} part of the Council for said purpose who are hereby requested to give their orders accordingly,— They are also [H] hereby requested to give orders to the Board of War to furnish without delay thirty whale boats, twenty of them to be appropriated for the Troops at Camden and ten for those at Falm^{o} also to furnish said Troops with such Transports Provisions Stores & Convoys as their Honors will judge necessary for the service — Resolved that the Brigadiers aforesaid make returns to the Hon^{l} the Maj^{r} Part of the Council of the men by them respectively raised & actually marched, on or before the tenth Day of April next — Resolved that there be paid out of the public Treas^{y} of this State to the Officers & men who shall perform the service prescribed by those Resolves the following sums p^{r} Month & one Ration p^{r} Day in full satisfaction therefor Viz^{t} A Lieu^{t} Col^{l} one hund^{d} & twenty pounds, Two Majors Ninety Pounds each, Lieu^{t} & adjutant sixty four pounds, Lieu^{t} & Quarter Master sixty four pounds — Surgeon seventy Pounds — Surgeons Mate fifty five Pounds — Capt seventy pounds — Lieut fifty five pounds, Sergeant thirty nine pounds — Drum thirty two pounds four shillings Fife thirty two pounds four shillings Corporal Thirty two Pounds four shillings Private thirty one pounds — And that ample encouragement may be given to men, charfully & speedily to turn out on this Occasion it is further Resolved that there be paid out of the Treas^{y} of this State the sum of thirty pounds, to each non Commissioned Officer & private soldier detached & mustered as aforesaid, being properly armed and equipped — and the Major Part of the Council are hereby requested to

draw Warrants on the Treasurer of this State in fav^{r} of the muster Masters in the three Eastern Counties for sums of money proportionable to the number of men which each of the said Counties are directed to furnish pursuant to these Resolves; And also the further sum of three shillings p^{r} mile from such Towns as they shall march from, to the place of their destination, and the Selectmen of Such Towns are hereby directed to pay the same & lay their accounts therefor before the Commtt^{ee} on Accounts for Examination & Accruance — It is further Resolved that if any person shall be detached by his officer for the service aforesaid & shall not within twenty four hours after he is so detached, pay a fine of sixty pounds to procure some able bodied man in his room properly armed & equipped he shall be held as a soldier in said Detachment and treated as such, & the Officer who shall receive such fines shall proceed to hire men therewith or detach others as the case may be, until he hath Compleated his Quota and all Militia Officers, Selectmen or Committees who shall receive any fine as afores^{d} are hereby directed to account with the Treasurer of the Town or Plantation where they dwell for the same within three months from the time he or they shall so receive the fine or fines aforesaid — and any Militia Officers & where there are no Militia Officers the Selectmen of the Town & where there are no Selectmen the Com^{ttee} of Correspondence &^{c} are hereby authorized & impowered to take up & by Warrant commit to Goal or to convey to the said Reg^{t} or Corps any Soldier that may be detached as aforesaid, & shall either refuse to join said Reg^{t} or Desert and any Soldier behaving in the manner aforesaid shall be held to do a Tour of Duty whenever he may be found, either in Guarding in this State, or in the Continental Army, twice as long as the time prescribed in the Resolve in consequence of which the soldier was drafted — Resolved that where there are no Militia Officers the Selectmen & where there are no

Militia Officers or Selectmen; the Committee are impowered and directed to do all Duties by this Resolve enjoined upon Militia Officers or Selectmen — Resolved that if any person shall be detached as aforesaid, shall neglect to procure an able bodied man, Armed & equipped in his Stead or pay said fine for the space of twenty four hours (unless in the judgment of the Major part of the Selectmen of the Town to which the person so drafted belongs is not of ability herefor; he shall in that case pay such part of said fine as the Selectmen aforesaid shall determine does not exceed his ability) The Clerk of the Comp^y to which he belongs or a Constable of the Town ship by virtue of a warrant from the Command^g Officer of such Company proceed to recover said fine, in the same manner as Constables are authorized to proceed to recover taxes of those persons who neglect or refuse to pay the same, any law or resolve of this Court to the Contrary notwithstanding — ¶ Resolved that the men who shall be inlisted or drafted from the Militia of the several Towns in this State by force of the foregoing Resolve shall be held & returned for the Towns whereof they are Residents, and no other & not all contracts bargains & agreements made with any person to serve for any other Town than that whereof he is a Resident, shall be null and void unless a certificate be obtained from the Major part of the Selectmen of such Town, that their Quota is compleat, in order that from the returns made due credit shall be given to such as do comply with the regulations aforesaid — Resolved that I Brigadier Genl Wadsworth be and hereby is impowered to execute Martial Law in the County of Lincoln from the Sea Coasts ten miles, and the Islands Adjacent agreeable to the Rules & regulations provided for the Government of the American Army — provided he shall judge the good of the service & the Safety of the State shall require the same —

Resolved that the Hon. the Major Part of the Council be

requested to procure and order an Engineer of Experience immediately to Falmouth to view the Works already constructed there, and to lay out such other works as he may judge absolutely necessary for its Defence — Resolved that K Brigadier General Wadsworth be & he hereby is impowered to raise Comp^{y} of Volunteers in the County of Lincoln if the good of the public will appear thereby to be promoted

In the House of Representatives March 23, 1780

Ordered that the draught of a Resolve for the defence of the Eastern Parts of the State be committed for consideration to Coll Dawes & Maj^{r} Cross with such as the Honble Board shall join —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council March 23^{d} 1780

Read & Concurred and Artemas Ward Esq is joined

John Avery D Secy

The Committee of both Houses appointed as above mentioned have attended the service assigned them & Report the New Draft herewith exhibited

Which is Submitted

Artemas Ward p^{r} Order.

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

In Council March 24^{t}, 1780

Ordered — That Artemas Ward and Saml Adams Esq^{rs} be a Committee to confer with such a Committee as the Honble House shall appoint Upon the Subject Matter of the Resolutions of the General Assembly respecting the Defence of the Eastern parts of this State & report —

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives March 25th 1780

Read & concurred & Gen Titcomb and Coll Freeman are appointed on ye part of ye House for the purpose aforesaid —

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Order of Board of War to Joseph Ingraham.

War Office, Boston, March 21, 1780

Capt Joseph Ingraham

You being Master of the Lincoln Galley now loaded will embrace the first Wind & proceed to Broad Bay & if on your Arrival there you may judge it safe to proceed to St Georges you will go there & deliver your Cargo to the Order of Waterman Thomas Esqr taking his Receipt for the same — And as Brig^{r} Wadsworth goes in the Vessell with you, he has engaged to load you back to Boston with Salt or Wood, you will receive iether of those Articles he may Ship on board & return to Boston — As Brig^{r} Wadsworth will be with you, who is well acquainted with the danger of Coasting along that Shore, we would recommend, that you take his Advice about Proceeding to St Georges We recommend the greatest Vigilance & dispatch, & after wishing you a good Voyage & safe return are Yours &c By Order of the Board

S. P. Savage Pres^{t}

I acknowledge the above to be a true Copy of my Orders received from the Board of War & promise to govern myself accordingly

p^{r} Jo^{s} Ingraham

Deposition of John Bakman.

John Bakman saith that he had bin acquainted with Joseph Young a Numbr of Years & has known him Since the dispute Arose between Briton and America to be a Enemy to this Countery & woud not Assist in Subduing their Enemy for when Calchorn burnt the Houses at Naskeeg they stud down the Neck for Cape Prozua and they thought that they were Determined to Land there and Come to our Assistance & ye Said Young Absconded & wou^{d} not Join ye Party & I

am knowing to Young's going to Magerbigwaduce the Sunday our army came to Pernopscut as I Suppose to help the Regulars Build their fort as Nathan Phillips came to the Cape that Morning to warn the Inhabitants to work on s^d^ fort & I had orders from General Lovell to Inlist Eight of the nigh inhabitance to Join the Hospital Guard & I went to said Youngs on ye 5th of August & shew^d^ him ye General's orders & Desir^d^ him to Join ye Guard which he Absolutely Refus^d^ and I told him that he must do Duty some where or another for his Countery & he told me he did not owe the Countery so Much Service & I might Get the Men When I Cou^d^ & the Cape People if they Join^d^ the Guard were fools & I Suppose Discouraged ye Inhabitance as none of them wou^d^ Sarve after that and I was Oblig^d^ to take men that was agoing to Join General Lovell at the Loins to fill my Guard I sent my son John Bakman by Doctor Downings orders to Buy a Lamb for ye Sick & Wounded men that were at my house & he Refus^d^ to Let me have one as my son informed me

John Bakman

N. B. as for his Conduct with Regard to the Britons in ye Year 1775 When they Came to Load Wood at the Cape I Desire Capt James Curtis may be Summons^d^ as a Evidence.

Cumberland Ss. March ye 21st 1780

then the Within Named John Bakman Personally appear^d^ and Made Solemn Oath to the truth of the within Deposition before me William Sylvester

Justis Peace

A True Copy of the Within Deposition

Attest Anthony Coombs Clerk of ye Comm.

Deposition of Susanna Bakman.

Susanna Bakmans Deposition She said he ye said Young Refused any Assistance of Supply to her fathers house as an

Hospittle and Exclaimed Much against ye American forces & adds farther She heard him the said Young Say ye Congress are a Percell of hotheaded fools & Likewise She said she heard him say the Britons must Take all as far as Georges or Else they Cou^d not have the Trade She Said a Man came from ye Ship Albany to our house and Call^d my Brother John a Rebell son of a Bich and said your father was not Like Capt Young for when he Cou^d not come himself to give information against ye Americans he wou^d send his Daughter & farther says not — Susanna Bakman

Cumberland Ss. March ye 21st 1780

Then the Abovenamed Susanna Bakman Personally appear^d and made solemn oath to the Truth of the Above Deposition before me William Sylvester Just. Peace

A True Coppy Attest

Anthony Combs Clark of ye Comm^e

Deposition of Capt. James Curtis.

Harpswell March 21st 1780

The Evidence of Capt James Curtis Reletive to the Carector of Capt Joseph Young is as follows viz he says that he ye said Young wanted to Trade with ye enemy and was counted by all ye People around him not friendly to America & said he wou^d Trad with the Britons I Must What Shall I doo says he the knowledge said Curtis had of said Young was when he Command'd a Scouting Company in ye Year 1775 and Says farther that S^d Young Never appear^d with arms When the other Inhabitants did in favour of his Country & farther says not.—

Cumberland Ss. March ye 21st 1780

Then Capt James Curtis Personally appear^d & made solemn Oath to the Truth of the Above Deposition before me

William Sylvester Just. Peace

A True Coppy Attest

Anth^o Coombs Clark of ye Comm^ee

A Coppy of Toothacker's oath.

Harpswell March 22nd 1780

The Evidence of Nath^ll Toothacker is as follows viz. one day Capt Fernham sent his Boat from the Ship Naughtless to Capt Youngs my self for one in the Boat Capt Young Wife & Daughter Came on Board the Ship with us and Capt Fernham asked them Down the Cabin afterwards as the Officers was walking the Quarterdeck I heard them Say we Shall have a fine Prize for Capt Young has informed Capt Farnham that Capt Long is Coming up the River Loaded with Westindia Goods Cyder, &c, A Privateer was Affixed and sent away next morning and Brought her in and along side the Ship about 8 oClock & was Condemned Likewise I Saw Capt Young one Lane of Fox Islands & another man Came on board & they brought about a bush^el & ½ of Turnups I understood them he made a Present of them to the Capt & to my knowledge Capt Young has Rec^d Presents from s^d Fernham one Sunday Evening I heard Said Young say he had one of Mr. Bakmans Cows in his keeping & one of Pirkinses & one of Dices and farther says not

Nathaniel × Toothacher

Cumberland Ss. March 22nd 1780

then Nathl Toothacker Personally & made Solemn Oath to the Truth of this Deposition before me

Willm Sylvester Just. Peace

A True Coppy Attest Anth^o Coombs

Clark of ye Comm^ee

Copy of Sam^{lle} Smalleys Deposition.

Harpswell March ye 22nd 1780

Samuel Smalls Declaration is as follows as a States Evidence Being at Cape Prozua in Company with the Persons Set forth in the Complaint by Capt Joseph Young against Cornelius Thompson John Malcum Halson Bishop and one Ellit a war fairing man Capt Youngs Question did you know said mens Entering my house A. Yes says Small but in What Manner I know not being a little in the Rear I went not in but was Set a Centery at the door Q did you See any Gowns A Yess one Black Gown & 4 or 5 more Q. did you see a Large Bedquilt About half Worn A. Rather more than half worn Q. did You See a Coverlaid A Yess Q did you see 2 Bedblankets A. but one Q. did You See any Womans Stays A. three Pair Q. did you See Six Approns A. one fine Cloth 2 Check and one Lawn Ditto Q. did You See any Womans Caps A. Two Q. did you See any fine Cloth A. no Q. did you see any fine thread A. Yes 3 or 4 Skains & a Little Silk Q. did You See any Woman's Pocket-book full of Borders of Caps & other things A. Yess Q. did You See any Cloth Shoes A. Yess 2 Pair & they say there was an odd one Q. did You See a Pair of Silver Shoe-buckels A. Yess a Pair of Odd ones Q. did You See 2 Silver Tea Spoons A. Yess Q. did you see a Stone Ring which was Broak A. No Q. did you see any handkerchiefs A 5 or 6 Q. did You See any fans A.Yess three Q. did You See any Black Cypress A. Yess 2 Pair Q. did You See any hallon Slippers A Yess one Pair Q. did You See a Pair of Cotten Stockins A. Yess Q. did You See any Womans Pockets A Yess one Q. did You See any Womans Shifts A. Yess one Q did You See any Womans Wescots A. No Q. did You See any Sheets A. one Pair Q. did You See any Pillow-Casses A. one Pair Q. did You See any Table-Cloths A I ant Certain Q. did

You See any thing of a Broad Cloth Wescot A. Yess Q. did You See a gray Robin Jackett A Yess Q. did You See any thing of 2 Guns A. Yess Q. did You see a Powder horn with Powder A Yess Q. did You See any Bullets & flints A. no Q. did You See any Tea Cannersters A. 3 & I believe a Pound & half of Tea Q. did You See a Mitten A. Yess Q. did You See any Silver & Gold A. Yess 36 Dollors & Some odd Q. did You See a Linnin Shirt A. Yes one About half Worn Q. did You See a Womans Ridinghood A. Yess Q. did You See a Black Silk Cloak and any more A. Yess one Red one & 2 black ones Q did You See any Round Womans hats and a bunnett A. Yess 3 hats and a bunnett Q did You See any Womans Gloves or Mitts A. 2 Pair of Gloves and one Pair mitts Q. did You See any upper Leather A. Yess half a Side Q. did You See any Toe & Linnin Cloth A. Yes About 2 Yards Q. did You See a Small Box with Small Articles A. Yess Q did You See a Surveyors Compass A. Yess Q. did You See any thing of a Piece of Sarge A. no Q. did You hear any Body Advise to Visit me A. no I thing Mr Bakman Counted You not friendly Q did Bakman Shear any of the things A. no but the Money Q. did You hear Perry say anything Concerning me A. Yes he believd You was not Very friendly to America Q. who Stay'd by the Boat A. John Bakman Junr & Willm Thompson Q. what Part of this Plunder did Joseph Thompson Shear A I know not Q. did You hear me Say I woud follow you & if I coud not Get any Recompense I woud Tell Your Neighbours A. Yess or to that Purpose Q. did the Boat Draw a Shear A. one half Q. did You know of their Entering Calfs house A. Yess Q. did You bring away a Gun & Pistoll A. Yess Q. did You get any Sole leather A Some Q did You Get a Pair of Mans Pumps A Yess Q. did You bring Away a White Jacket with horn buttens

A. Yess Q. Who had the Straw collour^{d} wescot A. Cornelius Thompson Q did Mr Bakman buy a Quarter of a Shear of You A Yess and Farther says not p^{r} —

Samuel Smalley

Cumberland Ss. March 22nd 1780

Then the Above named Samuel Small Personally Appear^{d} and made solemn Oath to the Truth of the Above Deposition before me

William Sylvester Just. Peace

A True Coppy Attest Anthony Coombs

Clark of the Comm.

Deposition of Christian Bakman.

Harpswell March ye 22nd 1780

The Evidence of Mrs Bakman is as follows viz. that Joseph Young Counted our American forces Robbers thieves & Pirots & spent his time with the British forces before & since the Penobscot Siege at the time when Capt James Curtis Commanded a Scouting Company in ye Year 1775 Ephraim Blake & John Corsen Came up & Told me to keep up all Night for a Vessell is Coming up the Bay & was a going down to get Capt Curtis to Assist them & s^{d} Young stop^{d} them & wou^{d} not Let them go Said Youngs brother in Law viz Saml Marvell Told me he Us^{d} to Cary henns & Petatoes &c for Said Young on Board the British Vessells and he wou^{d} keep Back a Small Sum out of every henn & bush^{el} of Petatoes John Gray at another Time Told me when a Vessell was a Coming in Said Young Took his ax & went into the woods to Cut something & wou^{d} not assist them he always said the Congress were a Percell of hotheaded fools I have heard him say the People Must Send home & beg the Kings Most Gracious Pardon & Pay for the Tea & all the Loss that ye British Party Sustained Likewise said Young

went with the Britons & drove up our Cattle for Lie^{t} Maccey a British officer & I Begged him to Leave me a Part of them said Young Reply^{d} he wou^{d} not & farther says not

p^{r} Christian Bakman

Cumberland Ss. March ye 21st 1780

Then Christian Bakman Personally appear^{d} & made solemn Oath to the Truth of the Above Deposition before me

William Sylvister Just Peace

A True Coppy Attest

Anthony Coombs Clerk of ye Committee

Deposition of Robart Gordon.

Harpswell March ye 22nd 1780

The Evidence of Robart Gordon is as follows viz When Capt Long Came up the Bay of Penobscut Capt Young Came on board the Ship Naughtless after having had the Boat Sent a Shore with his wife & informed the Capt of the Ship Concerning Capt Long and they affixed a Vessell out for him & Took him I was a Shore when Capt Young was on board & the People Told me as above^{d} and at another time When Capt Young & his wife & Daughter was Coming a Board the Ship Naughtless I heard him say When Talking with the Cockson of the Boat I hope the Americans wont get the day if they doo I dont know what will become of me When Capt Young came into the Boat he & Mr Calf & Mr Blake Brought with them Turnups Potatoes & fresh meat & farther says not

Robart + Gorden

Cumberland Ss. March ye 22nd 1780

Then the Above named Robert Gorden Personally Appear^{d} and Made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition before me

William Sylvester Just. Peace

A True Coppy Attest

Anth^{o} Coombs Clark of ye Comm.

Resolve on Petition of Richard Flagg et als.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives March 23 1780

On the Petition of Richard Flagg and other Select Men of Holden Praying that the s^d^ Town of Holden may be Allowed The number of fire Arms Set Against s^d^ Town Agreeable To a Resolve of the General Court 1778 for Reasons Set forth in s^d^ Petition —

Resolved that the Prayer of s^d^ Petition be granted and the Board of war be and they are hereby Impowered and Directed to Deliver to Richard Flagg or his order the Number of Fire Arms Set to the Town of Holden he paying the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Each for the Same

Sent up for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In Council March 23^d^ 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jere Powell	N. Cushing	Jn° Pitts
W Sever	D Davis	J Simpson
A. Ward	T. Edwards	N Goodman
S. Adams	A Fuller	Josiah Stone
T. Danielson	Sam Niles	Edwd Cutts

Resolve in Favor of Wm Morgan.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives March 24th 1780

On the representation of John Lucas Commissary of Pensions in behalf of Wm Morgan Marriner who was wounded on board the Continental Ship Warren on the Expedition to Penobscott an on the attack the 1st of August

1779, Whereby he has almost lost the use of his Right hand.

Resolved that the said Wm Morgan is intitled to half pay as a Sailor to commence from Aug 1 1779

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council March 27^t 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to —

Jere Powell	B White	J Stone
W Sever	D Davis	Saml Niles
A Ward	T Danielson	Edwd Cutts
T^t Cushing	T. Edwards	Noah Goodman
S Adams	A. Fuller	O Prescott

This may Certify all whom it may Concern That Mr William Morgan was Impressed on board the Continental Ship Warren to go upon the Penobscot Expedition — And That on Sunday morning the first of August last he was badly wounded in his Right Arm in making an Attack upon one of the Enemies Batteries, from which he was carried on board the said ship Warren where he had his wounds dressed, and remained on board two days, and then he was carried on Shore to the Hospital under the care of Doct^r Downing Witness my hand this 21st day of February 1780

Judah Wing Surgeon M^r
of the ship Warren

Papers respecting a Grant to James Chasey.

To the Honble Council, and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay — In Genl Court Assembled, at Boston — March 24th 1780

The Petition of Allex^r Campbell Humbly Sheweth —

That the Acc^{ts} of the perticulars, herewith Exhibited, was Supply^{d} Col. Allan, the Winter past By Messrs Parker & Chasey, at a time when the Department was in the greatest difficulty & distress and by which means the Indians have been Continued in defence of the County in Col. Allans Directions to me he very gratefully acknowledges the favours done him by said persons and urges that I might use my endeavours that they might Receive Proper satisfaction for their Interest In consequence of which Your Petitioner humbly Pray's Your Honors, may take the Matter under Your wise consideration, & Grant that their acc^{ts} May be paid, or otherwise, as Your Honors in Your Wisdom may think best, as in Duty bound, Shall Ever Pray

Alex. Campbell Agent for Col. Allan —

In Council March 25, 1780

Read & Sent down with several Accounts Accompanying the Same

John Avery D Secy

Francis Shaw in Defence of Jones.

Gouldsborough 25 March 1780

May it please Your Honors

Whereas some Person unknown to us has made Oath before your Honors, that He had seen Col^{o} Jones of this place at Bagaduce and Asserted many Malicious & Wicked Things against him, the Committee as well in Justice to Col^{o} Jones Charecter as in Vindictaton of their Conduct, do Assure your Honors, that Col^{o} Jones has not been Absent from this place, (only on two Journeys to Machias and Narraguagus) since the Sixth day of October last, that if your Honors may think it Necessary we can produce the Depositions of his Neighbours to Confirm the same. We are sorry to think that any Person could be so evil Minded as to procure False Evi-

dence against Col° Jones, in order to make him appear more Odious to your Honors as well as the Public — we Flatter ourselves, (that as it has ever been our greatest Consern) that our Conduct will meet with the approbation of your Honors and the Good People of these States & Remain with all due Respect, by order and in Behalf of the Committee of Gouldsborough

Your Honor's Most Obed Hum Servt

Fra: Shaw J^r

Letter to Brig^r Frost.

Council Chamber March 25, 1780

State of Massachusetts Bay

You have Inclosed a number of Resolves Passed this day by the General Assembly for the defence of the Eastern Parts of this State. You are hereby directed to carry or cause the said Resolves to be carried into Execution in all their Parts so far as they Relate to you without loss of time of this you will not fail,

By order of the Council

President

Brigadier General Frost

Deposition of Rogers Smith.

I Rogers Smith of lawful age testify & declare that on the twenty first of July 1775 I rec'd orders from Lieut Col° Harriden to March my company to Long Island to oppose a number of British troops who had landed there — I accordingly marched on the twenty third & on the twenty fourth I overtook Col^n Cargill at Duck trap & he called the officers togeather & concluded as he had not boats sufficient to carry all

the men over to Long Island that it was best for the regiment I belonged to, to return, which we did & on our return took a schooner at goose river which was carrying supplies to the enemy — I further declare that it appeared to me that John Cargill had a large body of men & His officers said they had sufficient for the purpose they were upon as the enemy were alarmed of their coming And further saith not

Rogers Smith

Lincoln Co Pownalboro' March 27th 1780

Personally appeared the above named Rogers Smith & made oath that the above deposition by him subscribed was true before me

Tim Langdon Justice of Peace

Colo John Allan's Letter.

Indian Eastern Department Machias March 27th 1780

Sir

The Bearer Mr James Archibald, who will have the Honor of delivering you this, will allso present you with two Orders from the Commissary of this department Certifi'd By me for some Fish and Tobacco, taken from him for the publick service. The former was taken a few days ago. As I Coud not Subsist without it — The Latter Last Summer —

I know'd not of any other Channell thro' which I coud Direct him to receive his pay, wether this is proper or not I must pray the favour of the Board to use their Endeavours therein, as these Articles were of the utmost Consequence —

The situation of this department at present for want of supplys is Truely precarious and Destressing, and only the Devine Disposer of Humane Events Can at this Juncture Avert the Impending ruin of this Quarter — I Earnestly pray that Every Branch Concern'd in Our Supplys, woud Do their Utmost Endeavours to help us —

The Butter Taken in the Prize Brig, I was in hopes woud have been sent for the past fall & other Supplys sent — A Quantity Suffic't for the American Army near Two Year — But have been Compelled to Exchange it for other Necessarys of Life at the Greatest disadvantage, it is now Near Exhausted. There has not been Ten meals of Bread in my Own Quarters this Six Weeks, Oblidged to Scrape Up Every thing to keep the Indians But after all our Winter Expence will be much more then if we had had Plenty of supplys regular —

I must further request the favour, that Care may be taken to Gete good powder, Hitherto it has been of the most Inferior Sort — fit for Nothing but to make a report, This Article is Perticularly Observed By the Indians, and which Give a Bad Character among them —

My respectable Compliments waits on the Gen[l] of the Board I am with all possible respect & Esteem Sir

Your most obed. very hbl. Serv[t]

J. Allan

Board of War directed to del[r] provisions.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber March 28, 1780

Whereas the General Assembly of this State on the twenty fifth day of March Instant passed a Resolve requesting the Council to Issue orders to the Board of War to furnish the Troops Stationed at Falmouth & Camden with Provisions, therefore ordered that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to furnish The Commissary appointed to deliver Provisions to the Three hundred men stationed at Falmouth & the Two hundred men stationed at Camden by the Resolves of the General Assembly of the twenty fifth of March In-

stant; with such Provisions from time to time as the said Troops are Intitled to Receive on account of their being in the Service & Pay of this State

Attest John Avery D Secy.

Resolve in re Col. Allan.

The Committee of both houses appointed to take into Consideration two letters from John Allan Esqr with the papers accompanying — have attended the Service assigned them & having duly considered the same, reports the following Resolutions — which are submitted

W Severford

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council March 28 1780

Resolved that the Board of War, be, & hereby are directed to procure the Several Articles contained in the Schedule annexed & send them to Colol Allen at Machias, together with such articles as they were directed by a Resolve of the Genl Assembly of 6th January last to procure & send to the s^{d} Col. Allen, & that they be & hereby are directed to provide a Small Vessel, for the transportation of the same to Machias as soon as they can be procured.

Resolved that the sixty men which Col. Allen has Issued Orders for raising in Consequence of a Resolve of the Gen'l Assembly, the last summer, & whose term of Service expires on the first day of May next, be continued in the Service of this State until the further order of the Genl Assembly, on the same Establishment on which they were raised

Resolved that Six of the Whaleboats lately ordered to be procured for the use of the Troops to be raised & Stationed in the Eastern parts of this State — be sent to Col. Allen at Machias for the use of the Troops Stationed there

In Council March 28th 1780
Read & Sent Down
John Avery D Secy
In the House of Representatives March 28 1780
Read & accepted
Sent up for Concurrence
John Hancock Spkr
In Council March 28th 1780
Read & Concurred
John Avery D Secy
Consented to —

Jer Powell	D. Davis	J Stone
W. Sever	N. Cushing	Jno Pitts
A. Ward	T. Danielson	Saml Niles
S. Adams	N. Goodman	O. Prescott
J. Fisher	T. Edwards	Thos Durfee
B. White	J. Fuller	

Asa Lewis to Board of War.

North Yarmouth, March 30, 1780

Gentlemen

In behalf of the Agent now at Boston I beg leave to inform, That before the Cloathing was Recd by the agent / it being his design to send it by water / Vessels had done passing from this place One however, from Falmouth he expected to carry the same; but the Bay freezing up & the Extremity of the Season prevented that, Having been long ready to embrace the first opportunity, I expect a Vessel in a few days to take a Hogshead of Cloathing a few Blankets &c / the enclosed Receipt will shew the contents / which is all, notwithstanding the agent has faithfully dispers'd all orders respecting Blankets as soon as he Recd them, that he has Recd in this part of the County except what he has sent The

Cloathing collected from the Western part of the county the agent has directed to be sent out of Falmouth the first oppetunity. I am to desire you to pay the Freight to the Gent. that signs the enclosed Receipt And am for the Agent your Honors very Hum. Serv.

Asa Lewis

Hon. Board War

Petition of Samuel Brown.

To the Honble Council & house of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay, assembled at Boston, 1780

The Petition of Samuel Brown of Boothbay, County of Lincoln humbly Sheweth That your petitioner being appointed by order of Brig^r^ Genl Lovil, as purchasing, and Issuing commisary to the Troops, in the expedition against the Brittish Post at Bagaduce, on the 22^d^ July Last past in consequence of which Your Petitioner has made a purchase of near forty thousand weight of beef, and Mutton, agreable to the Account, herewith exibited, in live Cattle for the use of the State, which beef and mutton, when purchas'd, cost under Six Shillings p^r^ pound, Your Petitioner expected to have received his money in Octo. last & came to Boston for that Purpose, and notwithstanding Your petitioner has advanc'd his own money, in part and Still Stands — Indebted, for a great Part of Said Purchase, to different persons, and the whole of Said beef deliver'd for the use of the State, he has not yet receiv'd any part for his Interest or Services, altho at the expence of Several trips To Boston, on this Business, had I receiv'd my money when I first apply'd when the price of Beef was Six Shillings p^r^ pound, Your petitioner's loss might be somewhat Supportable, but according to the present price of every Article of consumption, Your Petitioner looses at least three Quarters of Said

Property, which is Crushing & insupportable, to the great Distress of himself and family, wherefore Your Petitioner prays Your Honours may take his deplorable Case under Your Serious consideration, and grant that he may be paid Said money, with such allowances for his losses and Services, as may relieve the distresses of Your Petitioner, as his Scituation is Such, that in Justice to himself and others, he cannot return without it, or otherwise as Your honors in Your tender feelings of humanity may think best, as in duty bound Shall ever Pray

Boston, March 31st 1780

Sam[l] Brown

Application to Congress for Reimbursements.

State of Massachusetts Bay
Council Chamber March 31 1780

Sir

In pursuance of a Resolve of Congress of the 13 of May 1777 this State has supplied Col° John Allen the Continental Agent for Indian affairs in the Eastern Department, with monies & sundry other articles to enable him to Carry on the affairs of his agency. The State were so sensible of the Importance of this Business in order to Engage the Friendship of the Indians & prevent their taking a part on the side of Great Britain in the Unjust & cruel War against the United States, that they have readily supplied him, with every thing in their Power, that he stood in need of for this Purpose. Inclosed you have the accounts of these supplies and as our Treasury is nearly exausted, by the large Expenditures we have of late been oblidged to make for the service of the Common Cause, we are under the necessity of making this application & must request that Congress would give immediate orders for our reimbursement

Letter to Congress to the Mass^a Delegates.

State of Massachusetts Bay
Council Chambers March 1780

Gentlemen

Inclosed you have a letter to Congress together with an Account of Sundry advances this State have from time to time made to Col^o John Allen the Continental Agent we have sent the Letter open that you Penn it seal it & deliver it to the President of the Congress & we shall depend upon your Exertions for obtaining for this State an Immediate reimbursement of these Advances our Treasury is at present very low & we have pressing demands for the money —

Petition of Col^o Campbell.

To the Honble the Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled at Boston March 1780

The Petition of Alexander Campbell Humbly Shew,

That Whereas the Extent & Exposed Situation of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the County of Lincoln, in which your Petitioner has been Honored with a Lieu^t Colonels Commission made it necessary for the Security of the Country, that every Justifiable Measure should be taken, not only to Deter the Enemy, but to Encourage and Enliven the Inhabitants, against the Threats and Flattery of British Power and Pollicy — That your Petitioner has Spent the greatest of his Time in this way, and the Actual Service of his Country ever since the Commencement of the present War, so far as to prevent his pursuing any other kind of Business for the Support of a large and Expensive Family, is a Truth too well known to every Inhabitant & others acquainted in that Country,

That your Petitioner since December 1778 has Acted under the Direction and Command of Col° John Allen Commanding Officer at Machias and on Actual Duty, as your Honors may observe by Col° Allens Returns to the Honorable Council.—

I would beg leave further to Observe to your Honors, that from the present unhappy Situation of the Eastern Country Necessity has Compelled me to Tarry a much longer time in this Town than I expected, which your Honors must be Sensible must be Extreamly Expensive — And however unhappy your petitioner may be at present in not being furnished with such Vouchers as your Honors may think necessary to determine on these matters, Still your Petitioner humbly prays your Honors may Take his Case into your wise Consideration, and Grant that he may be made up on pay & Ration, on such Establishment and for so long a Time as you in your known Wisdom shall think best.

And your pet^r as in duty bound shall ever pray

Alex^r Campbell

The petition of Isaac Sears & P N Smith

To the Honorable Council & the Honorable House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled

Boston March 1780

Isaac Sears & Paschal Nelson Smith Humbly Shew

That your Petitioners were one Eighth part Owners of the Ship Putnam which was lost at Penobscot last September & have made frequent application to the Honorable Board of War for the Payment of their dividend of the appraisment of said Ship, but that Honorable Board assuring your petitioners that it was not in their power to make them such

payment, your petitioners have patiently waited and are at this day without being satisfied for the same. Your petitioners supposing it will be inconvenient for the State to pay for the loss of all the Shipping that were destroyed at Penobscot, immediately in circulating Money are willing to take State Securitys for the small part they own in the aforesaid Ship Putnam, but they imagine the Honorable Council & House of Representatives will think they (Your Petitioners) are entitled to State Securitys bearing equal date with the appraisment of the Ship, as at that day your Petitioners are of opinion that the appraisment was by no means adequate to the value of the Ship, & if your Petitioners are obligd to sink the depreciation of the Money from that time to the Ninety days after the Ship was lost which was some time in the Month of November they will be very considerable sufferers. The Ship Putnam was impress'd into the service by reason of her being principally own'd in the State of Connecticut, but your petitioners do not wish to avail themselves of any advantage from that Circumstance, as at the time the Ship was taken into the Service they were (for the small part they owned in her) perfectly satisfied Your Petitioners beg your Honors will take the State of their case into consideration & grant them such relief as to you may seem meet, & your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Isaac Sears Paschal N. Smith

Doct^r Stevens Petition.

Boston Mar: 1780

To the Honble Council & the House of Representatives —

The Petition of Henry Stephens, humbly sheweth, that had the Honour, to Serve, in the Capacity of a Surgeon on Board of the Brigantine (Active) on the late Expedition to

Penobscot, in which unfortunate Event, he was a great sufferer, by loosing his wearing apparel, to a considerable amount, as will appear, by the acc^{t} herein exhibited, your Petitioner prays, that y^{r} Honours, will take his case into y^{r} wise Consideration, & releive him from his perplex^{d} Circumstance, by granting him the Value thereof & y^{r} Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.

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one Sheet	024		
one Blanket	014		
one Pillow	015		
Two Pillow Chases	010		
Four White Shirts	110		
Two Cheque D^{o}	035		
Six P^{r} of Stockings	060		
one Chest & Lock	015		
Two P^{r} of Breeches	070		
one Hat	080		
Three Stocks	015		
Four Handkerchiefs	020		
one Coat	150		
Three Waistcoats	100		
one Surtout Coat	130		
one Pr Boots	080		
Two P^{r} of shoes	020		
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Petition of Israel Mead.

To the Honble the Council, and House of Representatives, of the State of Mass^{tts} Bay

The Petition of Israel Mead of Boston Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner having been appointed Assistant Commissary of Issues, Under John Lucas Esq D Commiss^{y} Genl on the Expedition to Penobsco^{t} & that your Petitioner

has been on said Expedition, And has Victualed the Troops which were under the Command of The Hon^{bl} B Genl Lovell during the Seige at that Place. And at the time of our Retreat, up Penobscot River, Our Troops were entirely out of Provisions (it being their draw^{g} Day) Therefore your Petitioner tho't himself bound to do all in his power, to land & secure what provisions he could, before the Vessells that contained them were destroyed, Which he did to the utmost of his power, having but a very small assistance, And did not give himself time, even to secure his own Cloaths, except what he then wore, Which loss of Cloathing to your Petitioner was very considerable, who could not replace them with six hundred pounds, And was not half the loss he there sustained He also expended Ninety Pounds to support himself and Assistant in returning from that place — He therefore prays for such consideration, As Your Honours in your Wisdom shall think proper to grant — And your Petitioner as in duty bound Shall pray

Israel Mead

Boston March 1780

2 Coats 2 Waistcoats 3 p^{r} Breeches 2 p^{r} Silk Hose 3 p^{r} Worsted d^{o} 4 p^{r} Thread d^{o} 4, Stocks 6, Shirts 4, Handkerchiefs 1, New Pillow & Case 1, Straw Bed wth Bedding 1, large chest cont^{g} Sundry Articles in the Stationary way &c with many small matters for the com^{l} of the Mess loss at Penobscot

Petition of John Lewis.

To the Honour^{ble} Council & The Honble House of Representatives in General Court Assembled March. 1780

The Petition of John Lewis Humbly Sheweth.

That Your Petitioner has a Power of Attorney to Settle with the Board of War of this State for & in behalf of Samuel

Drinkwater, with respect to the Charter party for the Sloop Sparrow, her hire & the wages due to the men, of Daniel Mitchell for the Sloop Defiance of Robert Johnson for the Sloop Britania, of David Drinkwater for the Sloop Fortune, which Sloops were lost in the expedition at Penobscot, but upon your Petitioner Applying to the Honble Board of War can get no incouragent of payment & as Several Are concerned who cannot discharge their Taxes without Some of their pay, or being obliged to Sell Some of their Stock, Therefor Your Petitioner prays the Hon^bl^ Court would enable & direct the Board of War to pay a part of the money due to the Above named men, At least as much as Amounts to the hire of the Vessels & the men's Wages, & Your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Jno Lewis

Petition of Wm Albee.

To the Honorable the Council & the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay at Boston

That your Petitioner being Honored with a Lieutenant's Commission to the Command of a small Company of Artillery in the Department at said Machias, since the Year 1777 a Certificate of which, from the Commanding officer I beg leave to Present to your Honors — during which Time, I have not Received any Clothing — Wherefore your Petitioner Humbly prays your Honors may take his Case into your Wise Consideration. and as your Petitioner has been on the Continental Establishment agreeable to a Resolve of the Honorable Court passed in 1779 Please to Direct that the Board of War may furnish your Petitioner with Necessary Clothing in proportion to the Time he has served. and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray —

Wm Albee

Resolve directing the Board of War.

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Counsel & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled in March 1780

We the Subscribers humbly shew that this Honble Court did in the year 1778 Grant to said State a certain number of Fire Arms the Number to us unknown And the Quota belonging to the Town of Holden has not been delivered though seasonably applyed for as appears below notwithstanding We Pray that the Town of Holden may have their quota of said Fire Arms and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

Richard Flagg
Moses Smith
Saml Thomson
Amos Heywood
John Perry
} Selectmen of Holden

N. B. I the subscriber did apply to the Honble Board of War of said State for Said Fire Arms — And Said Board was so engaged in other Matters they said they could not attend to deliver them at that Time

James Davis

when apply^'d^ for one of the Selectmen

Petition of Edward Grow et als.

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives, Now Setting at Boston

The Petition of the Subscribers, Humbly Shews —

That your Petitioners Beg Leave to Represent to your honours, that by a Resolve of the Generel Court of this State Passed the Eighth of June, 1779 for Raising a Number of Men for Nine Months, to Reinforce the Continental Army,

and that your Petitioners, Were Chearfully Complying With Said Resolve, by Using their Utmost Endeavours to Procure Said Men, by Inlistment or Draught and, Should have Soon Compleated our Quota of Said men But the Sudden Call for Men for Penobscott Drew our Attention that Way in Procuring Every Man that Could be Detatcht, or hired for that Service. That your Petitioners Supposed your Honours Would Excuse Us from any fine for our Deficiency of Said Men for Nine Months, as the other two Counties in the Province of Main Were, But to our Great Surprize find that Your honours are about to fine Us, in the Present Tax bill. and being Sensible that we are Not Able to Pay the Present. tax Allready Laid on our County and in Case that Said fine Should be Added to our apportion of tax Now ordered to be Issued it will Greatly Distress your Petitioners as we are Now Called Uppon for three hundred and ten men for the Defence of ye Eastern Part of this State Which will Cost us large Sums of Money to Comply with the Requisition Now made which we are Determined Chearfully to Do all in our Pow^r^ to Procure Said Men as we are Sensible of the Necessity of their being Imediately Raised We therefore humbly Pray your honours would take out Distressed Situation into your Serious Consideration and Relieve us in the Premises Above Said as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Edwd Grow Joseph Prime Joshua Bragdon
Signed for and in Behalf of the County of York

Peleg Wadsworth to the Council.

On Board the Protector Nantaskett Road
1 April 1780

Sir,

I this Moment received by Mr. Woodward an Appointment of the Honble Board, as Engineer; to lay out & erect

Works for the Defence of Falmouth &c, with orders to repair to that place without Delay. In answer to which I would inform your Honour that I shall chearfully obey the Order by embracing the first Opportunity to reach that Port; & will so far (only) accept of your Hon^{rs} Appointment as Engineer, as to do what lays in my Power in laying out & erecting Works there, till Such time as Some other Person can be appointed for that Business which I think is highly necessary, as it will be impossible for me under the probable Circumstances of things to give sufficient Attention to that matter & I would suggest to your Honour, the propriety of an Engineer's being there by the time that the Troops now waiting shall be there ready to execute the Work. I have the Honour to be

Sir Your most obedient & very humble servant

Peleg Wadsworth

Honble President of Council

Order of Council to procure 30 Whale Boats.

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber April 1st 1780

Ordered that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to furnish without Delay, thirty Whale Boats, twenty of them to be appropriated for the Troops at Camden, and Ten, for those at Falmouth and to forward them to said places immediately and deliver them to Joseph Noyes Esqr Commissary to said Troops at Falmouth, and Waterman Thomas Esqr Commissary to said Troops at Camden in the County of Lincoln

True Copy Attest John Avery D Secy

By the Commanding Officer of the State Troops in the three eastern Counties in the State of Massachusetts Bay —

William Lithgow to the Council.

Georgetown April ye 1^t 1780

Whereas I was appointed with four other Justices of the County of Lincoln by the Honourable Council in the year 1776 — to enquire into a Complant Exhibited by John Bakeman Esqr against the Inhabitence of Majebegaduce, Relitive to Said Inhabitence being then Enemical to the United States of america, as als that said inhabitence traided with the British Enemy, and when we the Said Justice ware meat at Said place, haveing the high Sheriff with us, we then Signified our business to the Inhabitence and notified said Bakman to give his attendence, as also at the Same time gave boath parties orders to Summon their Evidence,— Bakmans and his wifes evidence was that about four or five and twenty of the Inhabitence of Majibe'duce had made an assalt upon him in His house broake his doores — Windows and Som trunks and a Cheast and took away som goods & money. So far was the whole of Bakmans Evidence the Inhabitence 25 in nomber whoes names ware mentioned in Bakemans Complaint, Joseph Young I think was one who is the bearer hereof, but upon hearing the Evidence in favour of the accused, the most of them cleared themselves of being not guilty of the Riot as Bakman had set forth, by proveing that they ware at home the whole of the night Bakman was mobed, and as Mr Bakman could produce no other evidence to Suport his Complaint Except himselfe and Wife, and the other evidence in favour of the Inhabitence being so full in Contradiction to bakman' evidence which we could not Relie upon, So that we Could not forme aney Judgment who it was that mobed his house, or who did not, So that boath the Contending parties left the matter to us the Justes as Referees, to desid the matter betwen then, upon which we awarded that as Bakmans house had ben braken and he assalted and lost

Sundery goods, we alowed the Inhabitence to make Bakman a Suitabe Compensation and obligated them to make him whole, as to this Joseph Young and the other Inhabitence who ware accused of Trading or Corrasponding with the Enemey, there was no Such thing appered to us, but on the Contrary we then looked on them to be frindily to the american Cause, there was a grate deel of evidence produced Relitive to Esq[r] Bakmans moral Character, Siting forth his behaviour as not very Suitable for a Christien or good majestrate, which I apprehen as unnecessary to Set forth here — the Truth of the above I attest according to the best of my Recollection William Lithgow

Resolve on the Petition of Ozias Blanchard & Others.

In the House of Representatives April 3[d] 1780

on the Petition of Ozias Blanchard & others ordered that the Said Ozias Blanchard, Serve Cap[t] Gray with a Copy of his petition & this order thereon fourteen days before the Second Wednesday of the next Siting of the General Court (that he may shew Cause) (if any he has) why the prayer thereof should not be granted

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council April 3[d] 1780

Read & Concurred John Avery D Secy

Petition of James Minott.

To the Hon[bl] Council and House of Representatives, for the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of a Plantation Called

Cambden, on Penobscutt Bay in the County of Lincoln Humbly sheweth

That they are called upon by Thomaston to pay part of a Tax sent that Town, being a Small Place next adjoining to them —

That Your Petitioners begg leave to lay before your Honours their distrest scituation, which renders them incapeable of bearing the burden of a Tax in their Infant State, Being a Small Settlement consisting of not more than twenty Familys, the Oldest About ten years Standing haveing undergone the Greatest Sufferings from the Enemy by Fire and Famine being in a Bay where they have Constantly keep part of their Shiping, Since the Warrs first Commenced which has cut off all their Trade, by taking the Vessels with their Wood &c, which was the Cheif Support, as there is not more then three in the place that is Able to raise their Bread the Year through, for their Familys. they have also been greatly distrest by haveing the Enemy so near as Majorbigwaduce, which is not more than 15 miles distance and they being the first that Opposed them in Swearing the Inhabitants has raised their mean resentment so that they have been determined to distroy as much as is in their Power — Your Petitioners cannot think Your Honours ever meant so Young and distrest a Settlement should be tax'd by the next Town as before mention'd but being by Law Obliged to pay it They humbly pray that Your Honours would releave them by takeing off said Tax Untill they are able to pay one, as a Demand of it at this Unhappy season must Certainly break up the Settlement which if now encouraiged may in a few Years healp to defray the Publick Charge haveing in time past done everything to Contribute to the good of the States. By repeatedly sending their full Complement of Men into the Warr with the greatest dispatch, and every other thing in their Power

—Your Honours Granting the request of your Petitioners will greatly releave a distrest People, Who will as in Duty Bound ever pray By Order of the Inhabitants of Cambden

James Minott Clerk

Cambden April 3d, 1780

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 1780

on the Petition of James Minott Clerk of the District of Cambden in behalf of Said District praying this Court would abate them the Tax Set on Said District by the Town of Thomaston in the County of Lincoln, and whereas there is no Papers nor nothing appears before the Committee only the Petition Resolved said Petition should lay on the Table till the further order of this Court—

Report on the Petition from the County of York.

State Massachusetts Bay

In house of Representatives Aprill 3d 1780

on the Petition from the County of York Praying that they be Excused from the fine for their Deficiency of their men they were ordered to Raise for Nine months by a Resolve of the General Court Passed the Eighth of June 1779 for the Reasons Set forth in said Petition

Resolved that the Prayer of Said Petition be so far Granted that Said fine be Suspended for the Present, and it is further Resolved that the Selectmen of the Several Towns in Said County be and they hereby are Directed to make Return into the Secretaries office on or before the Second Wednesday of the Next Sessions of the Generel Court of the Number of men they have Raised in Compliance with the aforesaid Resolve and also their apportion of men they had assigned them to Raise for Penobscott by the Brigadier of

said County by order of the Honble the Council Passed June ye 29th 1779. also the Number of men they actually had in Service by land on Said Expedition

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council April 3^{d} 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	B. White	J. Edwards
A. Ward	T. Danielson	Jno Pitts
S. Adams	N. Cushing	A. Fuller
Moses Gill	Oliver Prescott	Saml Niles
J. Fisher	Thos Durfee	N Goodman

S. Holten to the Council.

Philadelphia April 4th 1780

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing several acts of the General Assembly of the state of New Jersey and you will perceive they are desirous of an interchange.

The committee that has under consideration the affair respecting the charges of the Penobscot expedition have not yet reported, but when I consider, it is no more than just, that ye United States should pay the reasonable expences, I don't even doubt, but that Congress will be of the same opinion & determine accordingly.

The business respecting the New Hampshire grants (so called) is not to be taken up till nine states are represented in Congress, exclusive of the States which are supposed to be interested, & it is not my expectation that it will be determined upon at present, nor my desire that it shou'd till after the war.

We have no intelligence from the southern army since about the first of March.

The Honorable Mr Partridge being about taking leave of us in order to return, he will be able to give the Honorable Assembly the best information respecting affairs in Congress.

I have the Honor to be with the highest respect, Sir, your most obedient servant;

S. Holten

The Honorable The President of the Council of Massachusetts Bay

Enoch Ilsley to Board of War.

Falmouth ye 5th April 1780

Gentle^n^

Inclos'd is one Receipt for a Baril of Cloathing Containing fifteen p^r^ Shose, thirtive shirts, & twenty six p^r^ Stockens, Rec^d^ from the select men of Cape Elizabeth for the Continental soldiers I am with Due Respects In behalf of John Lewis Esqr Agent Y^r^ Humb^l^ Servt

Enoch Ilsley

The Honble Board of Warr
Boston

Resolve Requesting the Council to Issue their Warrants

State of Massachusetts Bay

In house of Representatives Aprill 5th 1780

Resolv^d^ that the Honble Council be and hereby are Requested to Issue their Warant on the Rools Exibited by Lieu^t^ Thomas Abbot for the Service of the Troops that were Detacht from Berwick and Lebanon Under the Command of Capt John Goodwin on the Expedition at Penobscott Payable to Colo

Joseph Prime he Giving his Recp^{t} therefore and Stand Accountable for Said money Untill Said Abbott and men fully Comply with a Resolve of this Court making Provision for Recovering the fire Arms Deliver^{d} at Penobscott Passed ye 31 Day of December 1779 any Law or Usage to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council April 5, 1780

Read & Nonconcurred John Avery D Secy

In Council April 7, 1780 Read again and the Board reconsider this Vote of Noncurrence passed the 5th Ins^{t} and concurr with the Vote of the Hon'ble House

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer. Powell	A. Fuller	T Danielson
A. Ward	O Prescott	Jno Pitts
S. Adams	N. Cushing	T Edwards
Moses Gill	Saml Niles	B White
J. Fisher	N Goodman	Thos Durfee

Resolve in Favor of Samuel Brown.

State of Masachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Apr. 6. 1780

Whereas Samuel Brown of Boothbay was appointed by Genl Lovel a Commisary to purchase Cattle for the Use of the Army upon the Penobscot Expedition and with his own Property purchased thirty seven Barrels of Beef, more than was necessary for the Use of the Army aforesaid; which thirty seven Barrels of Beef with Eighteen hundred and fifty five pounds of Hides, and two hundred and sixty four pounds of Tallow said Brown has delivered to the Commisary Gen-

eral of this State; and it appears that said Brown in his Settlement with the Board of War recieved only five Shillings p^{r} pound for the said Beef, Hides and Tallow; which is twelve Shillings p^{r} w less than the price of Beef, Hides and Tallow was at the Time of the Delivery aforesaid — Therefore

Resolved that the Board of War be, and they hereby are directed to allow the said Samuel Brown twelve shillings p^{r} pound in addition to the five shillings above mentioned for the s^{d} thirty seven Barrels of Beef, Eighteen hundred and fifty five pounds of Hides, and two hundred and sixty four pound of Tallow, so delivered by him to the Commisary General of this State

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock, Spk^{r}

In Council April 6. 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to—

Jer. Powell	J. Fisher	Thos Durfee
A. Ward	J Stone	N Goodman
W. Spooner	O Prescott	T Edwards
S. Adams	N Cushing	B White
Jno Pitts	T Danielson	Saml Niles

Resolve on Petition of Alexander Campbell.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In The House of Representatives April 6^{t} 1780

on the Petition of Alexander Campbell Agent to Col^{o} Jno Allen — Praying for allowance for sundry articles Supplied Col^{o} Allen The Winter Past By Mr Stephen Parker & James Chasey Therefore Resolved The prayer of Said Petition Be So far Granted That There Be paid oute of the Publick

Treasury of This State To Mr Stephen Parker Two Thousand and Sixty Four Pounds In full of said Parkers Acc^t also Resolved that there Be paid oute of the publick Treasury of This State to Mr James Chasey the Sum of one Thousand Eight Hundred and Six pounds In full of Said Chaseys Acc^t the said Sums to be Charg'd to the United States —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council April 6^t 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	Moses Gill	Saml Niles
A. Ward	T Danielson	T Edwards
W Spooner	O Prescott	N Goodman
S Adams	N Cushing	A Fuller
J Fisher	Thos Durfee	
B White	Jno Pitts	

Representation Col^o A. Cambell

To the Honorable Council of the State of Massachusetts bay

The Petition of Alex^r Campbell Humbly Sheweth

That Whereas, by a Resolve of the Great and General Assembly of said State Passed in June the twenty Second 1779, the Bord of War was Directed to Suply the Indian Department at Machias With Sundrey Stores And By Another Resolve in January, and also in April 1780 — Neither of Which are Nearly Compleated, and a Large Defficency still Remains — and by far the Most Capital Articles, Such as Molasses, Rice, Bread, flour and Rum &c — your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays your Honours may Take the matter under your Wise Consideration, (and as only Some Bread of Said Articles have been Suply^d this Season) your

Honours may Derrect that the Bord of War may Compleat the Said Resolve — and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray Alex^{r} Campbell

Agent For Col^{o} Allen Eastern Indian Department

Report Committee on Letter Col. Noyes.

State of Massachusetts Bay

The Committee of both Houses appointed on the Letter of Col^{o} Noyes of Falmouth of the 17th ult^{o} Representing the Conduct of the Com^{ttee} of Correspondence respecting the Sale of Sundry Articles saved out of the Cartel Schooner Nancy cast on shore at Cape Elizabeth Report the Following all which is humbly submitted —

Edwd Cutts pr order

Petition of Wm Albee.

To the Honb^{l} Council, and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled —

William Albee commander of the Artillery at Machias, begs leave humbly to represent to Your Honours, that upon application, which he some Days Since made to Your honors for Cloathing — You were pleas'd to pass an order on the Board of Warr, to supply him with by which means your Petitioner is deprived of a number of Articles as the order of Cloathing for the last Year contains several Articles more than the former order, Your Petitioner therefore prays Your Honors, would be pleas'd to direct the Board of Warr, to deliver him Such articles as are by orders of Court to be deliver'd the present Year, to the officers of Corps at present, commanded by Col. Revere, Your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray Wm Albee

Boston April 6th 1780

Copy Representation to Council.

To the Hon[l] the Council.

The Board of War would acquaint your Hon[r] that agreeable to an Order of the whole Court they have shipped a No of Articles for Falm[o] and Machias on board three small Vessels, which are ready for sailing, and wish your Hon[rs] orders whether they shall proceed immediately or wait for Convoy —

By Order of the Board

S. P. Savage

War Office, Boston April 7th 1780

Genl. Cushing to the Council.

Pownalborough April 7th 1780

Sir

Agreeable to your Honors letter of the 26th of March wherein you desired me to let the Council know by the first opportunity, the time of my receiving the packet from Council containing the Resolve for raising Men for the defence of the Eastern parts of the State. I would Acquaint their Honors that I received the same on Saturday last about six o'clock in the afternoon & the next morning fixed off two expresses to the several Colonels with my orders for raising the men agreeable to the Resolves — & am in hopes of having the men ready according to the directions thereof. The other men ordered by the Hon. Council to be raised & sent to Camden by the middle of March I conclude are mostly upon the spot — but Gen[l] Wadsworths not arriving by the time appointed I believe has delayed the Marching of some — but having no returns from the Colonels, am not able at present to make return thereof. The militia officers of this County have been put to inconceivable trouble & difficulty in procuring their men when ordered to be detach'd agreeable to

the militia act — on account of the depretiation of the money — & if the Fines are not increased in proportion to the depretiation it will be in vain to expect a punctual compliance with orders — when men are wanted on an emergency —

I am Sir, Your most ob^{t} & Very H^{ble} Servt

Chas Cushing Brig^{r}

The Honble Jeremiah Powell Esqr President of the Hon^{l} Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Petition of Nathan Jones.

To the Honorable the Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

Humbly Shews In New England —

Nathan Jones of a place called Gouldborough in the County of Lincoln & State aforesaid — That in the course of the past Winter a certain person by the name of Burnam has been before your Honorable Board & made Solemn Oath that he Saw your Memorialist on board a Vessell where he Burnam was a prisoner at Majabagaduce, That your Memorialist insulted him in a most cowardly manner by calling him Oprobrious Names & threatning to tear the Flesh from his bones with hot pincers if in his power to do it (or words to the same Effect) all which your memorialist avers to be Absolutely false, & that to his knowledge he never saw any such Person, but imagines your Honors have been most Wickedly imposed upon by some person or persons enemies to your Memorialist, who have Suborned the said Burnam to commit Wilful perjury to Answer some self ends, and your memorialist would have immediately waited on your Honors at Boston but he thinks it unsafe for him to travel through the country while his Character lies under such

Injurious Aspersions which he hopes your Honors will be convinced are false when you see the memorial of the Committee of Gouldsborough which comes by the same Opp^{y}. Therefore your Memorialist Humbly prays that your Honors would grant him a free pasport to Appear before your Honors at Boston to Answer to any Matters that may be Objected Against him, & the same for his return back to his Family again Unless your Honors find him guilty of some Crime. And your Memorialist as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Nathan Jones

Gouldsboro, 8th April 1780

In Council May 22^{d} 1780

Read & Ordered that the Secretary be & hereby is directed to write a Letter to Nathan Jones of Gouldsborough granting him Liberty to appear before this Board at Boston and to Answer to such Matters as are alledged against him by one Burnham agreeable to said Jones Request —

Attest Jno Avery D Secy.

Genl. Wadsworth to Genl. Court.

Falmouth 8th April 1780

Sir,

I would acquaint your Honour that immediately on your arival at this Place (which was yesterday) I examined into the State & Situation of the Several Fortifications & find much Labour necessary to be done, & most of the Cannon very bad, if not wholly unserviceable.

As there are none of the Troops yet ariv'd here which have been ordered, nor any Intrenching Tools; I propose to proceed immediately to Cambden, where I learn that about one half of the Men that were order'd there last month are

ariv'd & where by pretty good Information the Enemy are preparing to make an Excursion.

Have left orders for the Troops that were to rendezvous at New Meadows (when rais'd) to proceed directly to Camden & I mean to return to this Place again in about a week which will be as soon as there will be any Troops here & perhaps sooner than we shall have Tools to work with.

And I beg Leave to suggest the Expediency of strengthening this port by sending as soon as may be, six eighteen pounders & six four pound Field pieces, with their Stores; & a Company (or at least, a part of a Company) of the Train. I need not urge the Necessity of Provisions or Intrenching Tools, nor again mention the Necessity of an Engineer, which I hope will be here by the time the Troops arive.

Our whale Boats likewise will be exceedingly wanted at the Eastward.

I should be glad to be inform'd whether the Men for Machias are to go forward by my Direction & in what manner.

If either a Commissary or Quarter Master for this Port is not yet Appointed I beg Leave to recommend to your Honour Mr. Stephen Hall of this town, as a very suitable person.

I beg Leave likewise to suggest the Expediency of establishing a post to ride from this Town to Boston or to alter the Course of the present one as it is possible that a Change of Post might not much exceed the Expence of occasional Expresses. I have the honour to be Sir

Your most humble Servant

Peleg Wadsworth

Honble Jeremiah Powell Esqr President

In the House of Representatives April 20 — 1780

Read & thereupon Order'd That Genl Lovell and Major Cross with such as the Honble Board shall join be a Com-

mittee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council April 20 1780

Read & Concurred and John Pitts Esqr is joynd

S. Adams Secr^y

Order of Council.

In Congress April 8. 1780

Upon the application of the state of Massachusetts Bay by their Delegates in Congress, representing that the said state had incurred a very heavy expense for repelling a late invasion of Penobscot in the said State by the common enemy and requesting that part of the monies raised by the said state for the United States might be retained until the accounts of the expense aforesaid could be prepared and submitted to the consideration of Congress

Ordered that a Warrant issue on the Treasurer of the State of Massachusetts Bay in favour of the said State for two Millions of dollars being part of the monies raised by the said State for the use of the United States for which sum the said State is to be accountable.

Extract from Minutes

Chas Thomson Secy

Resolve of Congress.

In Congress April 8th 1780.

Upon the application of the State of Massachusetts Bay by their Delegates in Congress representing that the said State had incurred a very heavy expence for repelling a late in-

vasion of Penobscot in the said State by the common Enemy, and requesting that part of the monies raised by the said State for the United States might be retained until the Accounts of the expence aforesaid could be prepared and submitted to the Consideration of Congress —

Resolved, That a Warrant issue on the Treasurer of the State of Massachusetts bay in favor of the said State for two Millions of Dollars, being part of the Monies raised by the said State for the use of the United States, for which sum the said State is to be Accountable,—

Resolved, That the Application from the State of Massachusetts Bay for an expedition to be adopted for dislodging the Enemy from Penobscot, with the papers relating thereto, be referred to the consideration of the Commander in Chief of the Army of these United States; and that Continental pay and rations be allowed to any body of Militia not exceeding eight hundred men which the State of Massachusetts Bay may judge necessary to be raised for the defence of the Eastern part of that State.—

Extract from the Minutes

Chas Thomson Secy

Action of Congress in Favor of Massachusetts.

In Congress April 8th 1780

According to order the report of the Committee on the motion of the Delegates of Massachusetts Bay was taken into consideration And the first paragraph being read Viz^t "That the reasonable expence incurred by any of the States during the present War for pay and Subsistence of Militia necessarily employed by them for defence against the common enemy be credited to such States upon a final adjustment of their accounts with the United States"—

A Motion was made by Mr Schuyler seconded by Mr Holten That the same be postponed, and on the question Shall it be postponed, the Yeas & Nays being required by Mr. Jones—

New Hampshire Mr Peabody No Mr Folsom ay—Dd

Massachusetts Bay Mr Lovell ay Mr Holten ay Mr Partridge ay—Ay

Rhode Island Mr Ellery Mr Collins—ay

Connecticut Mr Huntington No Mr Sherman no Mr Elsworth no—no

New York Mr Scot ay Mr Schuyler ay—ay

New Jersey Mr Fell no Mr Houston no Mr Clarke no—no

Pennsylvania Mr Searle no Mr Muhlenberg no—no

Mayland Mr Plater ay—×

Virginia Mr Griffin no Mr Madison ay—Divd

North Carolina Mr Burke no Mr Jones no—no

South Carolina Mr Mathews ay Mr Kinlock ay—ay

So the States were equally divided & the question was lost—

A Motion was made by Mr Partridge Seconded by Mr Holten to amend the paragraph by inserting the following Words Vizt "the State of Massachusetts Bay in endeavoring to repel an invasion of the Enemy at Penobscot" or after the words "incurred by" On which the Yeas and Nays being required by Mr Partridge—

New Hampshire Mr Peabody no Mr Folsom ay—Dd

Massachusetts Bay Mr Lovell ay Mr Holten ay Mr Partridge ay—Ay

Rhode Island Mr Ellery no Mr Collins no—no

Connecticut Mr Huntington no Mr Sherman no Mr Elsworth no—no

New York Mr Scot no Mr Schuyler ay—Divd

New Jersey Mr Fell no Mr Houston no Mr Clarke no—no

Pennsylvania Mr Muhlenberg no—no

Virginia Mr Griffin no Mr Madison no—no

North Carolina Mr Burke no Mr Jones no—no

South Carolina Mr Mathews no Mr Kinlock no—no

So it passed in the Negative—

On the question to agree to the main question, the States were equally divided and the question was lost.—

The next paragraph of the report was read Vizt

"That upon the Application of the State of Massachusetts Bay by their Delegates in Congress & representing that the said State had incurred a very heavy Expence for repelling a late invasion of Penobscot in the said State by the common Enemy, and requesting that part of the monies raised by the said State for the United States might be retained until the Accounts of the Expence Aforesaid could be prepared and Submitted to the Consideration of Congress, be it resolved

That a Warrant issue on the Treasurer of the State of Massachusetts Bay in favor of the said state for two Millions of Dollars being part of the Monies raised by the said State for the use of the United States, for which Sum the said State is to be Accountable.—

On the question to agree to the order for a Warrant as reported

Resolved in the Affirmative

On the question to agree to the preamble the Yeas & Nays being required by Mr Fell.—

New Hampshire Mr Peabody ay—ay

Massachusetts Bay Mr Lovell ay Mr Holten ay Mr Partridge ay—ay

Rhode Island Mr Ellery ay Mr Collins ay—ay

Connecticut Mr Huntington ay Mr Sherman ay Mr Elsworth ay—ay

New York Mr Scott ay Mr Schuyler ay—ay

New Jersey Mr Fell no Mr Houston no Mr Clarke no—no

Pennsylvania Mr Muhlenberg ay—ay

Virginia Mr Griffin ay Mr Madison no—Dd
North Carolina Mr Burke ay Mr Jones ay—ay
South Carolina Mr Mathews no Mr Kinlock no—no
So it was resolved in the affirmative

Resolved, That the application from the State of Massachusetts Bay for an Expedition to be adopted for dislodging the Enemy from Penobscot with the papers relating thereto be referred to the Consideration of the Commander in Chief of the Army of these United States, And that continental pay and rations be allowed to any body of Militia not exceeding eight hundred men which the State of Massachusetts Bay may Judge necessary to be raised for the defence of the eastern part of that State

Extract from the Minutes

Mr Holten Geo Bond Depy Secy

The Board of War to furnish provisions for Machias.

State of Massts Bay Council Chamber April 10th 1780

Ordered — that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to furnish the Commissary appointed to deliver Provisions to the One hundred Men stationed at Machias by the Resolves of the General Assembly of the twenty fifth of March last with such Provisions from Time to Time as the said Troops are entitled to receive on Acct. of their being in the Service & pay of this State

Attest John Avery D Secy

Action on Petition of Josiah Noyes.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 11, 1780

On the petition of Josiah Noyes of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland, Shewing that the Said Josiah was Col-

lector for the Province Tax in said Falmouth for ye year 1765 and that William Tyng late of said Falmouth, now an absentee with the Enemy att New York, was then Sheriff of said County — That by reason of many obstructions and difficulties did not Compleat his Collection till the said Tyng had received a Warrant, from the Then Treas^{r} for the money, whose Severity on ye petitioner was very great, and threatned to Commit him, unless he would give him an absolute deed of Eighty Acres of land, refusing other Security, which the petitioner att that time was obliged to Comply with, but promising to reconvey said Land, on ye payment of the money, which the petitioner has (Since the departure of said Tyng) paid the present Treasurer in full for said Taxes, as will appear by the Treas^{rs} receit and also a Memorandum in writing under the hand of said Tyng with respect to Reconveying said land on payment of said money & the papers accompanying this petition may fully appear — he prays he may be put in full possession of said Land Again or otherways relieved as your hon^{rs} see meet for reasons sett forth in said petition — Therefore Resolved that the afores^{d} deed of Eighty Acres of Land be forever hereafter Null & Void, and the said Noyes be put in full possession of the said Land in fee, the Same as if said deed had never been given

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council April 11th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	Moses Gill	T Edwards
A. Ward	H Gardner	Saml Niles
W Spooner	B White	N Goodman
S Adams	A Fuller	Jno Pitts
J Fisher	T Danielson	

Mr Noyes is to perform the following,—

An Order on Mr Parry for	£114	
A Bill Sale of fish 130 quintals say	60	
To pay Cash	10	
Josiah & Joseph Noyes Note hand	34	218

A Deed of Eighty acres of Land — an absolute Deed.—

If Parry does not pay the order in Weeks, and Noyes does not pay the Note in the same time, or in default of either, said Tyng to sell the Land either at private sale or Vendue — And Noyes to indemnify Tyng from any damage which may accrue by his taking this method to release Noyes.— I will be willing to give any Mem^o that the Land shall be reconveyed to Noyes if the sums above mentioned are paid in the time mentioned therein.—

True Copy of the paper taken from the File in the Secretarys Office and delivered to Isaac Parsons agreeably to a Resolve of the Genl Court of the 29. Jany 1799

Attest John Avery D Secy

To Address the Government of New Hampshire.

In the House of Representatives April 11 1780

Order'd that Mr Greenleaf & Maj^r Cross with such as the Honble Board shall join be a Committee to consider the propriety of addressing the Government of New Hampshire on the subject of protecting the Eastern Parts of this State & requesting their Aid & Assistance therein

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council April 11^t, 1780

Read & Concurred & Moses Gill Esqr is joined

John Avery D Sec'y

The Committee of both Houses to whom was refer'd the above order of Court, have attended that Service ask leave

to report the annex[d] draft of a Letter to the Hon[l] Mesheck Ware Esq[r] which is submitted

Moses Gill pr Ord[r]

In Council April 18th 1780

Read & accepted and ordered — That the President of the Council be and hereby is requested to sign this Letter in the Name and behalf of the General Assembly of this State

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y

In the House of Representatives April 18 — 1780

Read & concurred

John Hancock Spk[r]

Jer Powell	Moses Gill	Jn[o] Pitts
A. Ward	B White	A Fuller
W Spooner	J Stone	Tho[s] Durfee
T Cushing	D Davis	Aaron Wood
H Gardner	O Prescott	

State Massachusetts Bay

Sir

The General Assembly of this State taking into Consideration the grievous hardships to which the Maritime town on the Coast have been reduced, from the enemys being Permitted to hold Possession of their fortress at Penobscut — and at the same time reflecting on the great distress now suffered by our brethren the inhabitants of the Eastern Country; have represented their Sentiments on that Subject to Congress with a View to impress the Continent with a Just Idea of the importance of that Country to the Enemy; and to the United States, and of the Necessity of a Vigorous exertion on the part of the Continent to rescue that port out of the hands of the invaders — They have also ordered 600 men of the militia of this state under the Command of Brig[r] Wadsworth to be stationed in those parts for its defence — This force they are farr from thinking adequate to the Neces-

sity of the Case, but it is all that in their Present Circumstances they judge themselves able to spare at this juncture for that service.

The effect of this Scanty provision they should consider with regret, did they not reflect that the Spirrit and patriotism of our Sister State of New hampshire (which is more immediately in the Vicinity of this seat of distress) have never failed to display itself in the Common Cause whenever it has been duly called upon — and that there is good ground to believe that her exertions will be ready at this Crisis to give Weight to those of this State in the defence of that important Part of the Continent, if your Legislature is duly apprised of the Occation — I am therefore desired by the Assembly of this State to represent this matter to your Gen[l] Assembly thro' your favor, and to request that they would take such Measure as their Circumstances will admitt to aid the exertions of this State in defence of the Eastern Country Against the attempt of our enemys and if Practable to reduce them; as this will be acknowledged an eminent Service to your own State — to this State — and to all America — with every Sentiment of respect I have the honor to be in behalf of the Gen[l] Assembly

Sir Your most obed[t] & most humb serv[t]

To

The Hon Mesheck Ware Esq[r]

Pres[t] of the Council in the state of Newhampshire

Copy forwarded April 20th 1780

Application of Joseph Noyes Esq[r].

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Joseph Noyes of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland Comissary to the sea coast men Stationed at Falmouth & Cape

Elizabeth pray your Honours to give him a Warrant on the Treasurer for Nine thousand Pounds to enable him to pay for the Provision &c delivered said men & as in Duty bound shall ever pray Joseph Noyes

Boston April 12th 1780

In Council April 12: 1780

Read & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £9000 in favr of Joseph Noyes Comissary to the Sea Coast Men stationed in Falmouth to enable him to furnish said men with Necessaries — he to be Acct for the same

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Genl. Peleg Wadsworth to the Council.

Thomaston 12th April 1780

Sir

In my Letter to your Honour of the eighth Inst: from Falmouth I endeavoured to represent the situation of that Post & suggested several things necessary to be done in order for its Defence; together with my reasons for making so short a stay there & proceeding to the eastward.

I would now acquaint your Honour that I ariv'd at this Place yesterday in the Afternoon, in Lincoln Galley, convoy'd by the Protector, which ship left us the preceeding Evening just without the mouth St Georges with design to Cruise off the Mouth of Penobscott Sound the next Morning. Having given Direction for the Disposition of the Stores, I proceeded to Cambden the same Evening: where I found the Company that was ordered there, from this County, the last Month, almost complete; commanded by a very worthy Officer, Capt Blunt & where I received the agreable Inteligence that a Ship that afternoon had pursued up Penobscott Sound & taken in Sight of the Enemy, a Sloop; which, beyond a Doubt, were the Protector & a Cruiser from Bagaduce.

Three Days Since two ships went in to the Enemy Suppos'd to be one the Nautilus, returned from Hallifax, the other, it is not known whether she was a Ship of War, or one that was expected for Lumber previous to this Arival there was only the Albany with three or four Smaller Cruisers in that Port.

The Enemys Garrison does not exceed five hundred Land Forces exclusive of about forty Tories that have join'd them this Spring Chiefly from this Town & Waldoboro.

There is frequent & fresh Inteligence from the Enemy by means of the Intercourse kept up by many of the Inhabitants: to prevent which, to punish flagrant Offenders & to quiet the Fears, the Dissentions & Annimosities of the People, I earnestly wish for the Arival of the Troops & Boats allotted; & for the Execution of which, may God Almighty grant Wisdom!

The Inhabitants have been & still are in great Tremor from the Threats of the Enemy with their Tories & Indians.

There has lately been down to Bagaduce by way of Penobscott River, five Canadian & Mohawk Indians, with one Loanear, a French Canadian Officer, accompanied with two Penobscotts on their return back up the river they reported that there was then two hundred & fifty Canadian & Mohawk Indians at one of the Indian Towns up Penobscott River, but this report was probably fram'd at Bagaduce, as it was not mention'd when they went down the River. I expect further Inteligence soon.

There has been four small Cruisers from Bagaduce lately on this coast, two of which, a Brigg & a Sloop, were into the mouth of St Georges River about a Fortunight ago waiting for the Stores then expected, but landed none of their men.

I have not yet proclaim'd the Martial Law, nor does it seem expedient; till the arival of the Troops & Boats, least

the Game should be started before we are ready for the Chase. The Company order'd for Cambden on the fifteenth of March from ye County of York, are not yet ariv'd except four men only; & it is reported that they are not yet rais'd — there is not any of the last Detachment yet ariv'd in Camp.

by Reports that prevail from the Enemy, this Coast is threatened with an Invasion from Baggaduce; & Falmouth is to be taken Possession of by a Force from New York. I think the Invasion is not in their Power, with their present Forces, especially as that Part of their Plan which depended on their Cruisers is some what justled by the Protector & I trust will still be prevented by a Succession of other of our Arm'd Vessels which it will be necessary to send frequently on this Coast, & by the expected Arival of our Forces.

As soon as Matters are put into the best Train possible at present, I propose to proceed directly to Falmouth where I hope to find the men, provision & Intrenching Tools, which are necessary, before any thing can be done for the Defence of that Place.

I hope in my next to give your honour a more concise & satisfactory account of things, than is here contain'd, & must plead the want of time in excuse for my Prolixity. In the mean time, I have the honour to be Sir with great respect

Your honours most obedient & humble servant

Peleg Wadsworth

Honble Jeremiah Powell Esqr

President of Council

Poscript; 13 April 1780

I have just now received Inteligence of the arival of a reinforcement at Bagaduce of 200 Men from Hallifax last Saturday, with the Return of the Nautilus & a 20 Gun Ship; this leads me to think that there is no more Force expected from that Quarter this Spring.

Yesterday in the afternoon there were three ships seen in

the Chase of the Protector & her Prize: she out sailed her Pursuers, but was oblig'd frequently to heave too; for her Prize towards Evening, one of the three was seen returning & this morning, another.

I should think it highly expedient, should any of the Tories from these Parts be brot into Boston, Prisoners, by our Cruisers, that they should be detain'd & not given up in Exchange

Peleg Wadsworth

In Council April 22d 1780

Read and committed to the Committee appointed to consider the letter from Brigadier General Wadsworth of the 8th Instant

Sent down for Concurrence

Saml Adams Secy

In the House of Representatives April 22 1780

Read & Concurred

John Hancock Spkr

Resolve on Accounts of William Lithgow.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April ye 12, 1780

On the Accounts of William Lithgow Treasurer of the County of Lincoln

Whereas it appears upon Examination of the County Treasurers accounts for the County of Lincoln that all the Moneys granted and allowed by the General Sessions of the Peace for Said County from June 1777 to June 1779 were for such purposes and appropriation as the Law impowered the said Court to Grant, and the Ballance due to said Treasurer being the sum of Eighteen Shillings and Nine pence, he the said Treasurer to account for the out Standing debts amounting to the Sum of Thirty Eight Pounds & Eleven

Shillings — Therefore Resolved that the Said accounts be Allowed

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council April 12th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer. Powell	T Danielson	Saml Niles
A. Ward	J Fisher	N Goodman
W Spooner	B White	T Edwards
S Adams	Jno Pitts	N Cushing
Moses Gill	H Gardner	Aaron Wood

Letter of George Stillman.

To the Respectable Committee for Settling Col^o Campbells Business

Gentlemen — having had the honour of a Commission In the Service at Machias Since June 1777, am well Knowing that Col^o Campbell has Been Continually Called on, not only by Col^o Foster of the Militia, But by Col^o Allan Commanding Officer at Machias, as set forth in his Petition to the honourable Court, and since June last his whole time has been Imployed in the publick Service, which has been of Great advantage In the Country, as the Militia are so Scatered & exposed.

I Beg leave to offer as my oppinion that it was abselutely necessary for some Officer of Rank and Carracter, to execute that office, which Col^o Campbell has done Much to the Satisfaction of the people.

I am Gentlemen with Respect and esteem your most Obedient Humble Servent

G^o Stillman

Boston 12th April 1780

The Council to Col. Allen.

Council Chamber April 13, 1780

State of Massachusetts

Sir

Your letters of the third & fifth of march last came safe to hand, and were immediately laid before the General Assembly, who have taken such order thereon as appeared to them necessary to render your situation easy & happy, and be assured the council will at all times pay every attention in their power to render your Post safe and secure. A quantity of Stores is ordered to you, which the Council hope will get safe to hand, & to your satisfaction.

The Council are extremely sorry that you have been called to such great sufferings as appears by your letters, you have been made to endure. They highly approve of the Spirit and fortitude with which you have born these hardships and hope you will still persevere

Prest.

Col° Jn° Allen —

Resignation of Capt John Gray

North Yarmouth April 13. 1780

Sir,

Permit me, by your favour, to make a Resignation to the Honorable Council, of the Commission I have had the honor to hold of Captain of the first Company of Militia in this town — I beg the Honorable Board would not conster this Step in my conduct as a retreat from the line of Duty, in this day of publick Difficulty — much less, as proceeding from a want of due Regard to the glorious Cause in which we are ingaged. A disunion in the Company I have had the Honor to command, occasioned, in part, by a disaffection to me, has rendered it incompatable with a proper concern

for my own personal honor, or the best Interest of the Community, to hold my Post any longer.— That the Honorable Board may be directed to the appointment of a person that may give more general Satisfaction and fill the Post with greater advantage to the publick Service are the Wishes with which I have the honor to subscribe

Your Honors most obedient and very humble Servt

John Gray

The Hon^{bl} President Powell

In Council May 13th 1780

Read & Ordered that the Resignation of Capt John Gray of the first Company in the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Cumberland be & hereby is accepted & Ordered that Col^{o} Jon^{a} Mitchel of the Second Regiment of Militia in s^{d} County be & hereby is directed to cause the first Company in s^{d} Regiment together with the alarm list within the limit of the same to meet together & make Choice of a Captain in the Room of Capt John Gray, who has leave from this Board to resign his Commission — And to fill up such Vacancies as shall arise from said Resignation — And he is further requir'd to see that the Choice is made according to the Directions of the Militia Law, & duly certified to the Sec'y of this State

Attest Jno Avery D Secy —

Col. J. Mitchell to the Council.

To the Honble the Council of the Massachusetts Bay —

May it please your Honors On repeated application from Capt. John Gray, and in Consideration of an Uneasiness in the first Company in this town, occasioned in Part, by his holding the Command, I beg leave to inform your Honors that I do consent to his resigning his Commission of Capt. of the s^{d} first Company, in hopes a Man may be appointed to

s^d^ Command, that may give more satisfaction in the Company, & so be more for the publick Service —

I have the Honor to be your Honors most obedient & very Humble Servt

J. Mitchell } Col^o^

N. Yarmouth April 13, 1780.

Order for Court Martial in Case of Col. Revere.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber, Boston April 13th 1780

Ordered That there be & hereby is appointed a General Court Martial for the Tryal of Lieu^t^ Col^o^ Paul Revere of the Corps of Artillery belonging to this State, touching his Behaviour as an Officer when, retreating from Majorbigwaduce particularly

Court Martial to sit on Tuesday the Eighteenth day of April curr^t^ nine °Clock A M at the County Court House in Boston

Colonel Edward Proctor President

Capt^s^

Elias Parkman	John Kneeland	Israel Loring
Caleb Champney	John Gill	Joshua Farrington
David Bell	John Stutson	Joseph Pratt
Levi Jennings	John Newell	

Members

William Tudor Esqr

Judge Advocate

and Colonel Edward Procter is hereby directed to Summon the Several Members above mentioned to attend at time and place, and for the purpose aforesaid, and in case any of the before mentioned Members thro' sickness, or any other substantial Occasion shall not be able to attend, the said Tryal, the said Col^o^ Procter is further directed to Summon other Captains from the Neighbouring Militia Regiment,

forthwith to attend said Tryal as Members in their room. And to summon the said Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Paul Revere to attend upon his Defence at time and place aforesaid, by serving him immediately on Receipt hereof with a Copy of this Order and the Charge against him herewith inclosed.— And the said Court Martial are hereby directed to Summon such Witnesses as may be necessary to Examine, in the Course of the said Tryal, and when they shall have finished said Tryal to return a Copy of their proceedings and Judgement to the Council of this State with their reasonable Account of Attendance for Allowance and Payment

John Avery D Secy

Ja^{s} Avery to President of Council.

Sir

I wou'd inform the Hon'ble Board that the Arm'd Schooner Neashquowoite, of 70 Tons Carrying 8 Carrage Guns & 8 Swivels, belonging to the Public, is now laying at Machias Quite Useless for want of a few Necessary to fit her for Sea — she is a good Strong Vessell & pierced for Ten Guns —

If the Honoble Board shoud think proper to send Down one barrell of Pitch & One barrell of Tar, it would put her in a Situation to Come to this place, when their Honors might fix & Employ her as they might think proper

I have the Honor to be With the greatest respect Sir your most Hble S^{t}

Boston Apr. 5th 1780 Ja^{s} Avery

The Honble Pres of Council

Council Chamber Sep^{t} 7^{t} — 1780

Read and Ordered — that Jabez Fisher and John Pitts Esqr be a Committee to consider this Petition & to report what may be proper to be done thereon

John Avery D Secy

Warrant Issued to Sheriff of Lincoln County.

[Seal] Lincoln Ss to the Sheriff of the County of Lincoln or Either of the Constabels of the town of Bristol and to the keeper of the goal in Pownalbory in the County of Lincoln Belonging to the States of the Massachusetts Bay greeting whereas Nathaniel Palmer of Bristol in the County of Linclon genthmen Being Brought Before me alexander Nickals Esqr one of the Justices of the Peace for Said County By Vertue of a Warrent Issued By me upon the Complaint of william McClaim thomas martin two of the Committee of the town of Bristol in Said County sumons for his the Said Nathaniel Palmer Refuseing to take the oath of fidility or the oath of affirmation being Requested By me to do the Same these are therefore in the Name of the government and Peopel of the States above mentioned to Charge and Command you to take the Body of the Said Nathaniel Palmer and Convay him to the County goal in Pownalbory afforesaid and the keeper of the Said goal is hereby Commanded to Receive into the Said goal the Body of the Said Nathaniel Palmer and him Safely keepe untill he is acted against as the Law directs and Not depart without Licence given under my hand and Seal at Bristol this twenty Eight day of March Anno Dominy 1780

Alexander Nickals

A true Coppy pr Jacob Eaton Constable

Petition of Joseph Young.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives the humble pertition of Joseph Young of a place called Caperozua neigh majerbigwadue in the County of Lincoln & State of the Massechusets bay in newengland: Humbly Sheweth that as your pertitioner haveing his House broken

open the Neight following the 22d of february last past by one Cornelus tomson and others who Came about 12 oclock at night & broak and entred your pertisioners house at St Caperozua and brouk Seven Locks after their Entrey took and Carried oft allmost all your pertisioners Bead furniture table furneture with allmost all your pertisioners wives & duhters wareing appearel and Struck your pertisioners wife with a sword whereby Shee greatly Dispared of her life & Carried your pertisioner about 2 mills on penobscut bay and theire left him on the Ise whereby your pertisioner nerrily Escaped being Drounded on his Returne to his family and your pertisioner maid aplication to the Committee of harpswell who after hereing your pertisioners Complaint together with the Avedence Directed your pertisioner to your Honours and your Pertisioner Humbly begs your Honours would graciously be pleased to look upon him In his Distress and grant him such Relefe as your Honours thinks may be for the publicks best good and the Relefe of your pertisioners distrest family & your pertisioner as in duty bound shall Ever pray

Joseph Young Boston Apriel the 13th 1780

In the House of Representatives April 22d 1780 Order'd That Capt Bayley Mr Davis of Dudley & Capt Clark with such as the Honbl Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spkr

In Council April 22d 1780 Read & Concurred and Benjamin White and Noah Goodman Esqrs are joined

S Adams Secry

Resolve of General Court.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 13, 1780

On the petition of Lieut William Albee Commander of the

Artilery att Machias, shewing that some days Since, The Honrd Court were pleas^{d} to pass an order on the board of Warr, to supply him with Cloathing on the same terms which the officers of Col Crafts Reg^{t} are intituled to receive, and as Col Crafts has been discharg^{d} about a year, the petitioner is deprived drawing any Cloathing Longer than while Col Crafts had the Command — he prays that he may be allow^{d} to receive, the Cloathing he is in Justice intituled to On the Same Terms as the officers of Artilery under Col Revere

Therefore Resolved that the Board of Warr be & hereby are directed to deliver to Said Wm Albee the Same Quantity of Cloathing & on the Same Terms, as the officers of Artilery of the same Rank are intituled to receive who are under the Command of Col Revere with what he has already receiv^{d}

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr

In Council April 13th 1780

Read & Concurred John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer. Powell	Moses Gill	N Goodman
A. Ward	H Gardner	Saml Niles
W Spooner	T Danielson	B White
S Adams	Jno Pitts	N Cushing
J Fisher	T Edwards	Aaron Wood

Representation of John Lucas in behalf of Eben^{r} Perkins.

Gentlemen

Please to Inform me wether the barer Ebnez^{r} Perkins, was a marine on board the Ship Warren, at the Time he rec^{d} a wound as your Certificate is all I can found a Representation on in his Favor — I am your Hum^{l} Sert

John Lucas Com^{sy} of Pensioners.

April 12, 1780

To the Honble President of ye Navey board at Boston

This may Certefie that the within named Eben^{r} Perkins Servd as a Marine on board Ship Warren Dudly Saltonstal Comm^{r} upon the Exped^{n} Against Penobscot as appears by the Warrens Books Wm Vernon for the Board
Boston Ap^{l} 13, 1780 Navy Board E. Dep^{t}

This may Certifie that Ebenezer Perkins a Marine on Board The Continental Frigate Warren was Badly wounded by a Ball that Passed into his Breast & out throug part of his Shoulder and arm, by which he has Lost the Use of his Arm at Present Jos Gardner
Boston Ap 13 1780

To the Honble Council of House of Representatives

John Lucas Com^{sry} of Pensions in behalf of Ebnez^{r} Perkins a Marine on board the Continental Ship Warren Dudly Saltonsal Comm^{dr} and was wounded by a ball that past through him, by wch he has lost the use of his left arm, as Appears, by his Certificates

John Lucas Com^{sry} Pensioners
Pension office 13th April 1780

Letter to Council Enclosing Act of Congress.

Philadelphia April 14, 1780

Sir

By the enclosed Act of Congress of the 8th Instant you will observe that upon a Representation of the Delegates from Massachusetts Bay of the great Expence incurred by that State in endeavouring to repel a late Invasion of the Enemy at Penobscot, they have ordered a Warrant in favor of the State on their Treasurer for two Millions of Dollars.

Congress you will also observe have referred the Consideration of the Propriety of an Expedition against Penobscot to

the Commander in Chief, at the same time allowing Continental Pay and Rations to a limited Number of Militia for the Defense of the Eastern Part of Massachusetts Bay

The Warrant above mentioned for two Millions of Dollars will be forwarded by the Delegates from the State of Massachusetts.

I have the honour to be with great Respect Sir
your most obed^{t} hble servant
Sam. Huntington President

In Council April 29^{t} 1780
Read & Sent down John Avery D Sec'y.

The Honble The President of the Council of Massachusetts Bay.

Resolve of Council.

State Mass^{tts} Bay
In the House of Repre^{s} April 14, 1780

On the Representation of John Lucas Commissary of Continental Pensioners, in behalf of Ebenezer Perkins a Mariner on board the Continental Ship Warren, Dudly Saltinsoll Comman^{r}, and was wounded by a Ball that passed through him, by which, he has lost the use of his left arm &c — Therefore

Resolv'd that the said Ebenezer Perkins is Intitled to half pay to Commence from ye first Decem^{r} 1779

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spkr

In Council April 14^{t} 1780 Read & Concurred
John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer. Powell	Moses Gill	N Cushing
A. Ward	H Gardner	J Edwards
W Spooner	T Danielson	Aaron Wood
S Adams	B White	H Gardner
J Fisher	N Goodman	Jno Pitts

Peleg Wadsworths Letter.

St Georges 15th April 1780

Sir

I have, according to agreement, freighted the Lincoln Galley back with salt, & consign' it to Mr Nathan Spear jr.; Who will deliver the tenth Part, for Freight, if it is insisted upon but as that is double to the usual Freight & as the Vessell would otherwise have return'd with Wood, the Vessells part of which, would have been, at the Extent, not more than seven or eight Cords; I flatter myself that the hon^{ble} Board, on further consideration will not insist on having more for the Freight up, than will purchase the Same Quantity of Wood in Boston, without any Risque at all Should that be the Case I should be much obliged, & have directed Mr Spear to procure the Wood or Pay the Money, otherwise to deliver one tenth part of the Salt,

I remain Sir your most obedient & very humble Servt

Peleg Wadsworth

Saml Phillips Savage Esqr President of the Board War

Resolve in Favor of George Stillman.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 15 1780

The Committee to whom was Referr^{d} the petition of George Stillman of Machias, wherein he prays for allowance for Sundry Articles Supply^{d} the Troops of the Eastern Department by ord^{r} of Col^{o} Jno Allyn, The Com^{tee} have attended that Service Examin^{d} the Acc^{ts} & the Certificate accompanying s^{d} Petition, and are of Opinion the acc^{t} Exhibited by the petitioner is Justly Due—

Therefore Resolved that their be allow^{d} & paid out of the publick Treasury to George Stillman the Sum of two thou-

sand One hundred Ninety five pound^{s} & four pence the full of this acc^{t} & that the Same be Charg^{d} to the United States

Read & Accepted

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council April 15, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Warrant drawn this Day

Consented to

Jer. Powell	H Gardner	Thos Durfee
A Ward	Moses Gill	N Goodman
W Spooner	B White	Jno Pitts
Saml Adams	T Edwards	Aaron Wood
N Cushing	T Danielson	A Fuller

Edward Procter's application.

To the hon^{ble} Council of Massachusetts State

Boston April 15th 1780

The petition of Edward Procter humbly Sheweth — That being Appointed by your honors to sit as president at a Court Martial on the Trial of Lt. Col^{l} Paul Reveir, begs leave to decline that Service: not only on Account of the intimacy that has long subsisted between us, but as Col^{o} Reveir is an Officer of the Train of Artillery: I cannot think my Self a competent Judge, (it being out of my line) of an Artillery Officer's Duty so as to Sit upon so important a Trial — for these & many other Reasons that might be Offer'd — your Petitioner has no doubt y^{r} honor's will excuse him from the Above mentioned Service Edward Procter

In Council April 17th 1780

Read & Ordered — That the Prayer of the Petition of Col^{o} Edward Procter be and hereby is not granted

Jno Avery D Secy

Resolve entitling Philip Audburt to half pay.

Commonwealth of Masachusets

In the House of Representatives Apriel 17: 1780

On the Represintation of John Lucas Commasary of Pensioners in behalf of Phillip Audebert a meren on bord the Armed Brg^{t} Hazard of this Commonwelth was wounded 17th of July 1779 as Appears by his Certificate

Resolved that the said Phillip Audbut is intitled to one half his pay as a merean to Commence from his discharge which was the 14 of August 1779

Sent up for concurrence

Caleb Davis Sp^{r}

In Senate April 19th 1780

Read & Concurred

Jer: Powell Presi^{dt}

Approv'd

John Hancock

Petition of Jeremiah Powell.

To the Honble Council and Honble House of Representatives of the Mass^{ts} Bay

The Petition of Jeremiah Powell humbly sheweth That the Greatest Part of the Vessels which were owned by the Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland have been lately lost, most of them in the unfortunate Expedition to Penobscot, that the late Resolve for raising Men in that County, is extremely burdensome to them on Account of the lowness of the Establishment, insomuch that your Petitioner is informed, three Thousand Dollars are demanded by those who incline to inlist over and above the Pay and Rations, That the aforesaid Loss of Vessels has not been in any Degree

made up to the Owners. That on these Accounts, and the Distress which an Invasion of the Eastern Parts of the State by the Enemy has brought upon the People in that County, they are become unable to pay the heavy and your Petitioner humbly thinks the undue Proportion of Taxes which have been laid upon them

Your Petitioner asks not at present any Remittance of these Taxes, but humbly prays your Honors to pass a Resolve to Suspend Issuing Execution against the Constables and Collectors of the several Towns in the said County of Cumberland, untill they shall have some Relief from their present unhappy Circumstances Your Petitioner doubts not that the greatest Exertion possible will notwithstanding be made to pay the Taxes aforesaid, but to have Execution sent against the Collectors at this Critical Time must add Distress to the Distressed. Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray —

Jere Powell

*Letter from H^ble^ James Lovell Esqr*

Philadelphia April 17, 1780

Sir

We have the Honor of forwarding at this Time a Warrant for two Millions of Dollars granted for the Use of the State before Mr Partridge left Philadelphia but not then carried through the necessary Forms.

The inclosed Extract from the Journals with the Information which our Colleague can give will prove how the main Point relative to the Expences on the Penobscot Expedition was left undecided. He will also enable the General Assembly to judge whether it was proper for the Delegates to

push strenuously for a Decision of that Point during the then apparent Temper of Congress, or to wait for further Directions from the Court

We have the Honor to be with great Respect Sir

Your most humble Servant

James Lovell

In Council April 29t 1780

Read & sent down with the several Inclosures Accompanying the Same

S. Holten

John Avery D Secy

Honble President of the Council of Massachusetts Bay.

The Delegates of Mass: Bay in Consequence of their Instructions moved the following propositions

That upon the Adjustment of the Accounts of the State of Massachusetts Bay they be allowed the reasonable Expences incurred by them in endeavouring by a land & naval armament to dislodge the Enemy who had actually invaded the said State & fortified themselves at Penobscot.

That a Warrant issue on the Treasurer of the State of Mass. Bay in favour of the said State for —— Dollars being part of their Quota of continental Taxes, for which Sum the said State is to be accountable.

That an Expedition be forthwith adopted for dislodging the Enemy from Penobscot.

Resolve in Favor of Andrew Patterson.

House of Representatives, State Massachusetts bay

April 17, 1780

Your Committee to whom was Committed the Petition of Andrew Patterson, Late of Penobscot, and oblig^d to come off with his Family to Kennebeck River, praying for Relief, having Examined into the Facts Set forth in Said Petition,

Finds them to be True Wherefore Resolved that there be paid out of the Publick Treasury of this State to Andrew Patterson, the Sum of three Hundred pounds for the present Relief of him and his Said Family

Read & Accepted

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council April 17 1780

Read & Concurr^{d}

S Adams Secr^{y}

Warrant drawn this Day

Consented to —

Jer Powell	N Cushing	T Edwards
A. Ward	A. Fuller	Saml Niles
S. Adams	N Goodman	J Stone
J Fisher	Jno Pitts	O Prescott
H Gardner	Aaron Wood	
Moses Gill	Thos Durfee	

A Proclamation.

Whereas the success of Military Operations in a great measure depends upon Dispatch, which in a time of War is scarcely to be obtained in the ordinary Course of Law — Therefore — By Virtue of the Power vested in me by the Honble the General Assembly of this State, by a Resolve of the fifteenth of March last;

I do hereby Proclaim the Law Martial to be in full force in the County of Lincoln from the sea Coast ten miles, & in the Islands adjacent; excepting in Cases that are entirely of a civil nature & do not interfere with the military; In all such Cases the Execution of the civil Law is not meant to be Suspended; but to remain in full force & all military Officers are to conduct themselves accordingly.

And all persons are hereby forbid to aid, supply, assist or to hold any Correspondence with the Enemy in any way or manner whatever, under the Penalty of military Execution. ¶ The Inhabitants of the Islands in Penobscott sound, on Penobscott River, & to the eastward of Penobscott River as far as Union River, being much exposed by their local situation, are to hold themselves as Neutrals in regard of aiding or assisting either party; & they or any other Person are not permitted to pass from the Islands or Main to Majabigwaduce, or from the Main to the Islands without a Pass from the Commanding Officer at this Post.

And all persons are forbid to pass up Penobscott Sound towards Majabigwaduce within a line drawn from Owl's Head to the southerly end of the Fox Islands, the outer part of Deer Island, & so on to the Main on the easterly side of Edgenoggin Reach; Excepting the Inhabitants of the Islands, which Inhabitants tho they are permitted to pass from Island to Island & also to the Main on their own Business, are not to go up the Sound towards Majabigwaduce higher than a line from the lower end of Long Island to the upper end of the Fox & Deer Islands; & when they come to the Main are to obtain a Pass for their Return, from the Commanding Officer at this Post.

No person is permitted to pass to the northward of Neguntacook by land towards Penobscott River or from Union River to the southward towards Majabigwaduce, without a Pass from the Commanding Officer at either Post, except the Inhabitants who live between the lines prescribed, which Inhabitants when they pass the lines, are to have a Pass for their Return.

All persons deserting & joining with the Enemy are to be treated as Deserters from the American Army. ¶ All persons, who shall discover a Breach of these Orders, are directed to apprehend the Offenders, & deliver them at Head Quarters,

that they may receive the Justice due to the Enemies of the United States of America.

The Officers of the Militia on the Sea Coast are directed to hold their Companies & Regiments in the greatest possible Readiness, & to appoint an Alarm Post, or Posts for each Company, that they may be ready to act with Vigor in Case of an Alarm, or answering any Call that may be necessary for the Good of the State

given at Head Quarters

P Wadsworth B Gen[l]

Thomaston 18th Day of April A D 1780

Resolve Appointing Joseph Noyes Committee of Inquiry; Also in Favor of Joseph Young.

In the House of Representatives April 18, 1780

Whereas it is represented to this Court that the fifty shovels & fifty spades which were by order of the General Court sent to Falmouth for the Use of the Troops there in the Year 1776, have been embezzled or carelessly left Resolved That Capt Joseph Noyes Commissary at s[d] Falm[o] be and hereby is appointed a Committee to make enquiry into this matter — & make report to this Court or to the Council as soon as may be

The Committee of both houses that were appointed to consider the Petition of Joseph Young of Cape rozier Representing that on the 22[d] of February last, his House was broke open by one Cornelius Thompson & others; & Robbed of a Number of Articles have attended that Service and find the facts Set forth in Said Petition are true; & further y[e] Committee find that the S[d] Joseph has been friendly to the United States of America; Notwithstanding under his present Distressed & Difficult Scituation & Circumstances he has been

oblidged to take an Oath of allegiance to the King of Great Brittain. Therefore beg leave to Report the following Resolve

B White p^{r} ord^{r}

Resolved that the s^{d} Joseph Young be and he hereby is Impower'd to bring an Action at the next infeirour Court of Common pleas to be holden at Salem, within & for the County of Essex against Cornelius Thompson & others for the Recovery of his Goods & Damages: & that he be permitted to Return to his Family Unmolested

In Council April 24^{t} 1780

Read & Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives April 24 1780

Read & concurred

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Consented to —

Jer Powell	H Gardner	Thos Durfee
A. Ward	D Davis	Jno Pitts
W Spooner	T Edwards	Aaron Wood
S Adams	A Fuller	J. Stone
B White	Saml Niles	J Simpson

Receipt of Wm Gooding for Supplies.

Falmouth Aprill 20th 1780

Rec^{d} in good order on board the Schooner Dolphin — myself Master one Hogshead of Clothing Mark^{d} 107 Shirts 67 pairs Shoes 95 pairs Hose — Also 4 Blanketts and 6 pairs Shoes not pack^{d} all which I Promise to Deliver to the Honourab^{le} Board of War in Boston in the State of Massachusett Bay in like good Order on acc^{ot} of John Lewis Esqr Agent for the

County of Cumberland and take Receip^{t} for Said Agent Danger of the Seas & Enemy Excepted for which I have given Said Agent a Recip^{t} of the Same Tenor and Date of this —

Wm Gooding

Petition of Nathl Palmer.

To the Honble the Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts in General Court Assembled at Boston April 1780

The Petition of Nathaniel Palmer of Bristol in the County of Lincoln Humbly Sheweth

That Upon Complaint made against your pet^{r} by William McLain & Thomas Martin your pet^{r} was Cited before Justice Nicholls to take the Oath or Affirmation to the State: but your pet^{r} being one of the Friends, he could not in Conscience take the Same, and was Committed to Goal therefor.

That your petitioner never did anything to the Damage of the State, and wishes well to his Country —

He Therefore prays your Honors would be pleased to interpose in his behalf and liberate him from the Sentence he now lyes under

And as in duty bound shall pray &c

Nathaniel Palmer

Resolve of the House in re Joseph Young.

Lynn 20 April 1780

Capt. Johnson Sir

I have had application from one Mr Joseph Young an Inhabitant of Cape Rozua near Majorbagaduce for my opinion concerning his Character wether or no he was an Enemy to

his Country, all I can say as to the matter is this that he frequently was on board our Ship and all ways appeard Freindly, and as he was obligd to take an oath of Allegiance to his majesty he was One of the First that appeard to Recant the Same, and made application to me to Signify his Intention to the Commodore for that purpose, wch was granted, he used to Supply our Ship with Milk, Butter, fresh Meat, & every thing that he had was very willing to lett us have, and all ways Entertained us very Kindly whenever we was ashoar which was very Frequently with one or other of us, he Informs me he has been Robbd of every thing of Movables of both his & his wifes in February as appears by his Petition by one Cornelius Thompson & others. I should be much Obligd to you Cap^r^ Johnson, if you can gett this man any Releif, to use your Influence for that purpose, as I sincerely think him a freind to his Country. I Remember he had the Steward of the Brig^t^ Defence one Cleves, who was wounded at his house, & took particulair care of him. I have nothing more to add but wish the Unhappy man, may find Relief from the Honrable Court I am Sir Your humb. Servant

Joseph Turen

In the House of Representatives April 24th 1780

Orderd that Capt Ward and Capt Page with such as the Hon^l^ Board shall Join be a Committee to take into consideration the Circumstances of Joseph Young, & report what is proper to be done respecting him.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council April 25, 1780

Read & Concurred and Thomas Durfey Eq^r^ is joined —

John Avery D Secy.

The Committee appointed as above have attended the Service assigned them, & beg leave to report as their opinion

that it is not necessary or Expedient to take any further Order respecting the said Joseph Young all which is submitted

Thomas Durfee P^r order

In Council April 22^d 1780

Read & Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives April 25 1780

Read & concurred

John Hancock Spk^r

Letter James Lovell Enclosing Letter of George Washington.

Philadelphia April 21st 1780

Sir

Upon the joint opinion and Desire of my Colleague I do myself the Honor to forward at this Time an Extract from one of General Washington's last Letters interesting to the State of Massachusetts Bay in particular

I am with much Respect Sir Your very humble Servant

James Lovell

Honble President of the Council Massachusetts Bay

Head Quarters Morris Town

April 17th 1780

I have attentively considered the application from the State of Massachusetts on the Subject of an Expedition against the Enemy at Penobscot. It appears to be of great Importance in several points of view that they should be dislodged — but circumstanced as we are I do not see how the attempt can be made with any prospect of Success — A naval cooperation seems to be absolutely necessary and for this we do not possess the means — We have no fleet and the Enemy have a respectable one on the coast which they can at any

time employ to frustrate our measures. From all accounts the Posts at Penobscot are strongly situated & susceptible of being made more formidable by additional fortification, which it is to be presumed has not been neglected. To attempt a coup de main with a tollerable certainty of Success would require a considerable force, and of other Troops than Militia, which can by no means be spared. To operate by a siege with Cannon and the necessary apparatus would be an affair of length — The operating force, I am informed, must depend on Supplies of every kind by Water — This Communication would be liable to be interrupted at the Pleasure of the Enemy and the Situation of the Troops would be allarmingly precarious. A reinforcement might at any Time be sent from Hallifax and New York to raise the siege; our Troops would perhaps escape themselves with difficulty no doubt with disgrace and with the loss of their cannon & stores — But were there no other obstacles in the way the total deficiency of money & magazines seems alone to be insurmountable. With respect to both of these we seem to be arrived at so desperate an extremity that every arrangement & operation is at a stand, and without speedy relief inevitable ruin must ensue — These objections to the expedition obviously present themselves in the present posture of our affairs, though I confess I have not a sufficient knowledge of the Country in question to form a very accurate judgment. Could we obtain an effectual naval cooperation this and many other things might be undertaken, which without it are impracticable. Indeed considering the position of these States a Fleet is essential to our system of defence — that we have not hitherto suffered more than we have for want of it is to be ascribed to the feeble and injudicious manner in which the Enemy have applied the means in their hands during the war. The plan they are now persuing of attacking points

remote from each other will make us feel the Disadvantage in a striking manner — and may be fatal if our allies are not able to afford us naval succour. In all respects it is more necessary now than it ever was

I have the honor to be &c

G^e W————

Certificate of John Lucas.

These Certify, that at the request of Mr Nathl Palmer of Bristol who profeseth him Self of the Seck call^d Quakers. That I had a Former Acquaintance with s^d Palmer, by Living at his Hose, a number of years a go, & Since, and at that time found him to be Extreem Devout, & his mind wholey on the matters of Religion, and Since which have hand Information of his alltering his Princaples to his present namly that of a Frind — and from all I've seen and herd I find nothing in him which appears to Exphenable (Except), the Scruples of his Concince, respecting an oath of afermation to which, he seems, to pleades the Dictates of his Concince

John Lucas

To Whoom this May Concern
Boston April 21, 1780

Resolve Relative to Clothing for Army.

In the House of Representatives April 21st 1780

As Justice and Humanity and every Reasonable Principal of the Humane heart must Urge the Necessaty of rendering the Situation of Our Brethren (who are resquing their Lives in the Field of Battle for Our defence) as Comfortable as may be and as we doubt not the Several Towns in this State

are willing to make further Exertions for their Comfort and Encouragement if Called upon for that Purpose.

Resolved that the Select men of Each Town shall on or before the Tenth Day of October next Cause the said Articles to be Transported to Such Place or Places in the Counties to which they Respectively belong as the agent of the County who shall be by the General Court appointed Shall order.

Resolved that the Following Persons be and they hereby are appointed to receive in the Counties whereof they are inhabitants the articles aforesaid when so collected

In the County of Suffolk—Lemuel Kollock Esqr
In the County of Essex—Israel Hutchins Esqr
In the County of Middlesex—Joseph Hosmer Esqr
In the County of Worcester—Seth Washburn Esqr
In the County of Hampshire—Elijah Hunt Esqr
In the County of Berkshire—William Williams Esqr
In the County of Plymouth—Capt David Kingman
In the County of Barnstable—Col Enoch Hallett
In the County of Bristol—George Godfrey Esqr
In the County of York—Edward Cutts Esqr
In the County of Cumberland—John Lewis Esqr
In the County of Lincoln—Dummer Sewall Esqr
In the County of Dukes County—James Athearn Esqr
In the County of Nantucket—Stephen Hussey Esqr

And that the said Agents shall upon receiving said Articles Transport them to Such Place or Places within this State as the General Court shall Order and Direct and shall on or before the Tenth Day of Novem^{r} next make out and Lodge in the Secretarys office a True and Perfect Inventory of the Articles which they shall so receive with the names of the Select men and that there shall be upon Each Shirt pair of shoes Stocking and Blankets the name of the Town from whence they received the Same and the Prices at which the

Select men shall Charge them In Order that the same may be Examined by a Comm^{tee} of the General Court to be on or before that time for that Purpose especially appointed —

Resolved for the Purpose of keeping a Uniformity among the Soldiers in the Army that the Shirts and Stockings be white

Resolved that when the said Accounts are Examined and approved by Such Com^{ttee} that Warrants be made out by the Major Part of the Council on the Treasurer in favour of Such Select men, for the Sums that may be due to them on Such accounts, and the Select men when they shall have received Such Sums shall Pay the same Over to those who shall have Supplied them with the Shirts Shoes Stockings and Blankets as aforesaid

Also Resolved that Such Select men and agents Lay before the same Com^{ttee} an account of their Service and Expences in order that the same may be Examined and paid in manner aforesaid

Resolved that if the Selectmen of any Town shall Neglect to make return of their Doings to the agent of their County Pursuant to this Resolve such Select men shall be Liable to Pay a fine of Two hundred pounds to the use of this Government, to be recovered by Action of Debt at the Suit of Such Persons as the Genl Court shall appoint to bring the same, and in those Plantations where there are no Selectmen the Com^{ttee} of Corespondance &c are hereby Directed and Commanded to do the Business by this resolve required of Select men, and shall be Liable to the same Penalties and in every respect in the same sense accountable for their Conduct And it is further Resolved that if any Town shall be so regardless of their Duty and Interest as to Neglect or refuse to Procure the Articles Required by the Select men and Com^{ttee} aforesaid in Consequence of these Resolves that such Towns shall

forfeit and Pay Double the Value of the Deficient Article for such neglect which Sum shall be added to Such Towns Proportion of the next State Tax,

And if any Agent appointed for the Purpose afores[d] shall neglect to make return as aforesaid on or Before the Tenth day of Novem[r] next shall be Liable to Pay a fine to this Government of Five hundred pounds to be recovered by an Action of Debt at the Suit of Such Persons as the Gen[l] Court shall appoint to bring the same — and it is further Resolved — that the Respective Agents be and they hereby are Appointed Inspectors of all the Cloathing which they may Collect

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council May 4[t] 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec[y]

Consented to —

Jer. Powell	B White	Aaron Wood
A. Ward	Oliver Prescott	Jn[o] Pitts
T Cushing	T Danielson	Sam[l] Niles
S Adams	N Cushing	A. Fuller
J Fisher	Tho[s] Durfee	J Simpson

Petition of Nathaniel Palmer.

To the Frendly members of the Counsil and house of Representatives Respective Friends your Committee has Returned my Pertision and Refuse to discharge me unless I take the affairmation which I Cannot do for this Reason: that I find that Love is the fullfiling of the Law and all the Law and the Prophits hangs thereon. Love is of God and is the Bond of

Perfection: and Peace is the greate Preservetive of Love, and Joy in the holy ghost: Peace and Love have close Connection. it Comes from the Prince of Peace in whom I Beleve and disire to follow: if I shuld affairm to Be true to war: then I Shuld make Shipwrack of faith and a good Conchance: for Love is that New Command, which I hope I have Received Ritten on my heart — that I Shuld Love one another: But your Law my friends Strikes at the very Scorce and foundation of all my Religeon which is my Life: for if I Shuld Beare true faith and alleagence to war it would Be the very Sword By which the Life of my Religion would Perish: friends whoom Shud I obay: you that can only kill the Body or him that Can distroy Both Soul and Body in hell: I think I have found that Peace of god that Paseth all Natureal understand'g and am commanded to keepe my heart and mind in the knolage and Love of it: for it is not the wisdom of man But of god whose ways are ways of Pleasantness and in whose Paths I find Peace: for out of it is the Issuese of Eternal Life: if you Suspect me to Be a tory you Rong me for I abhor the Name of tory or whig Ether they only Represent too Revengeful Parties distroying Eaich other I will not Joyn Ether But Can affairm I am a true and Reall friend to my Cuntry and will Never Joyn aide or assist By informing or Supporting or any ways axessary or Prevy in any ways whatsoever against my Cuntry By any ways or means whatsoever; upon the Penalty of Looseing the Peace of my mind: the Love and favour of god which is Better then Life: and the Prospect of Eternal hapeness Beyend the grave: and allso the Comfort of the Sosiety of my Christion friends here in time: Now friends if you are Resolved to Expel me from my Native Cuntry when I have done you no harm or Ever will: I hope I Shall injoy that Sperite of Peace which wishes your temperal and Eternal wellfair: and am Confident that if you

Refuse my Pertishon in your Court here Below: yet the Court above will hear the Cryes of my Children and wife whose Liveing you are distroying without Cause

Nathaniel Palmer

Boston 25th 4 month 1780

In Council April 28t 1780

Read & Ordered that Walter Spooner Eqr with such as the Honble House shall appoint be a Committee to take into Consideration this Petition & report what may be proper to be done thereon —

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives April 29th 1780

Read & concurred & Mr Davis of Dudley & Capt McFarland are join'd

John Hancock Spkr

The Comtte of both houses appointed on the petition of Nathaniel Palmer have attended the servis assigned them, and Report that Sd petition be dismis'd

W Spooner by order

In Council April 29t 1780 Read & Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

Report on General Wadsworths Letters.

State of Massachusetts Bay April 27th 1780

The Committee of both Houses on the letters from Brigadier General Wadsworth and Peter Noyes, & the Resolve of Congress of the 8th instant, report, that they have enquired of the Board of War respecting the supply of Provisions, Intrenching tools & Whale-boats ordered for the Eastern Department, & are of opinion that what Provisions & Intrenching

tools are sent, and ready to be sent, are all that could immediately be obtained, and will be sufficient for the preasent; a Schedule whereof is now presented: Measures are taken that the Whale-boats agreed for be built with all possible dispatch, & that they with those already procured be forwarded as soon as may be.— And as by ye Resolve aforesaid, Continental pay & rations are to be allowed to any body of Militia not exceeding Eight hundred men, which this State may judge necessary to be raised for the defence of the Eastern Department, Your Committee report that the Continental Quarter Master General & Issuing Commissary of Provisions be requested to replace such articles as have been supplied by the Board of War for the purpose above mentioned, that come within their respective departments, & to furnish such supplies as may be further wanted for the Eastern department.

Your Committee think if expedient that two Eighteen pounders and three Four pound Field pieces with thirty rounds each be sent to Falmouth, and a Lieu^t^ & twenty Mattrosses to strenthen that Post, and that an Engineer be appointed and directed to repair there as soon as may be. That Brigadier Cushing be directed to deliver to Brigadier Wadsworth or his order, so many of the Fire arms returned into him from the late Expedition at Penobscot, as he shall apply for, taking said Wadsworths receipt to be accountable for the same.

Your Committee further report that so many of the Whale-boats procured, be forwarded as will be necessary to transport the Troops destined for Machias, to that place, & that the said Troops be embarked under the direction of General Wadsworth.

To alter the regulation of the Post from Falmouth to Boston, Your Committee apprehend will expedite intelligence &

not much increase the expence, for wch purpose have prepared the Resolve accompanying this report. All which is submitted

John Pitts p order

In Council April 27^{t} 1780

Read & Sent down hn Avery D Secy

Report on Petition Briggs Hallowell.

The Committee appointed on the petition of Briggs Hallowell have attended that Service, and beg leave to Report.

That it is the Unanimous Oppinion of said Committee, that Doctor Silvester Gardiner obtained Judgement against said Briggs in a fraudulent way. And that said Judgement be set aside — And that said Briggs Hallowell be put in the same Situation, Relative to His Debt & Lands, as he was if no such Judgement had been obtained.

Accepted

Petition & Resolve

1 Copy delivered E. H. Robbins Esqr 4/ fees

1 d^{o} delivered J Gardiner Esqr 4/ fees

27 April 1780

Resolve Relative to Post Riders Between Portsmouth & Falmouth.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 28th 1780

Whereas it appears to this Court that the present regulation of the Posts who ride from Boston to Falmouth is attended with great delay, whereby not only Individuals but the Public are in a great measure deprived of the Benefits

which might otherwise arise from ye establishment of Posts, therefore Resolved that the President of the Council be requested to write a letter to the Delegates of this State at Congress, directing them to make application to the Post Master General to order that the Regulation aforesaid be so altered that the Mails may be carried from one of said Places to ye other & back again in the course of every week, and that The Hon'ble Samuel Freeman Esqr be a Committee to agree with some Person to ride in the meantime between Falmouth & Portsmouth in such a manner as that he set out from the last mentioned place immediately on the arrival of the Post from Boston and return to Portsmouth before the Post sets out therefrom to return to Boston. Such Rider to continue in the Service for the term of six Months, or untill the further order of the General Court, and to carry all public Letters which may be ordered to be sent to or from the Eastern parts of the State; such as shall be sent from Boston to be sent to the care of the Post Master at Portsmouth, who is requested to deliver them to the said Rider, & he the said Rider is directed to put into the Post office at Portsmouth, all Letters wch may be directed to be sent from the said Eastern Parts of the State to Boston

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council April 28^t 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec^y

Consented to —

Jer Powell	B White	Jno Pitts
A. Ward	D Davis	A. Fuller
W Spooner	J Stone	Aaron Wood
T Cushing	T Danielson	Saml Niles
J Fisher	O Prescott	
H Gardner	Thos Durfee	

Meshech Weare to the Council.

Exeter April 28th 1780

Sir,

I am honoured with the recept of your favour of the 18th Instt, which I immediately laid before the General Assembly, who after due consideration thereof were very Sensibly impressed with the distress of our Bretherin Inhabiting the Eastern parts, exposed to the Enemy holding possession of Penobscot. ¶ And of the importance of defending against their Excursions into that Neighbourhood; and if possible to rescue that post out of their hands. And are very Sorry that they cannot at this Time afford assistance to a Sister State in defence of that Country: Being under the Necessity of raising considerable forces to defend their Northern and Western Territories which we apprehend to be in Eminent danger from Canada. ¶ But in case an Expidition should be ordered by Congress to reduce the Enemy at Penobscot, this State will exert themselves to the utmost to assist in carrying it into execution. I am Sir with every sentement of Esteem, your very humble Servant.

Meshech Weare Prest

Hon Jeremiah Powell Esqr

In Council May 3d 1780

Read & Sent down John Avery D Secy

Peleg Wadsworth to the Council.

Head Quarters, Falmo 28 April 1780

Sir,

I would inform Your Honor that I returnd to this Town on the 22d Inst: from Thomaston; in which quarter there were on the 20th Inst:, only fifty men arrived of both Detachments, four of which only were from the County of York,

The Consequence of this Delay is very Dangerous, & is the cause of frequent desertions from the Inhabitants to the Enemy. It begets a Diffidence in the wavering, & even in our most zealous Friends: It inspires the Enemy with perserverance in endeavouring to catch the deluded Inhabitants, that live in their Vicinity, & invites a profitable Correspondence to be kept up with them; by which they procure many Supplies & Conveniencies. To prevent this I was induced on the 18 Inst:, notwithstanding the want of men & Boats, to issue the inclosed Proclamation: In support of which my little party will be much exposed, till the expected arrival. I was further induced to issue this Proclamation to prevent the Inhabitants of the Islands & parts adjacent to Majabigwaduce from joining fully with the Enemy, or becoming obliged to quit their Habitations by the first of May; which they are required to do by a late Proclamation from the Enemy. Their Habitations however they must still quit unless the Neutrality I have required be admitted by the Enemy: For it is better that those parts should be uninhabited, than that they should join heart & hand against us.

On my Return to this Town there were not any of the Troops arrived. Yesterday was the first beginning to fortify, & that with only twenty men. I have repeatedly urged the Commanding Officers in each County to forward their Quotas; a part only of which are raised, & just begin to be in motion. There seems to be the least prospect from the County of York. As I found it necessary to order the small Parties of Matrosses, stationed in this Town & Cape Elizabeth, on constant duty, in order to get the Ordnance & Stores in good Readiness; to take notice of the discouragements, which they seemed to labour under on account of small Allowance and light pay, which they looked upon as Reasons for attending but little to their duty, I have presumed to order

them the same allowance with the rest of the Troops, (till the plasure of the State is known) which I request may be continued, & if not inexpedient, that some addition may be made to their Wages, as it would render them alert in their duty. These two Parties of Matrosses, Your Honor is possibly aware are small; they are commanded by two Sergeants, & those not very capable. This induces me to renew my former Request that there may be an addition to the Train here in some way or other.

By information received yesterday by two Deserters from the Albany at Penobscott who left her the 22d Inst: as well as by other corresponding accounts, it appears that the Enemy's shipping at Penobscott are very slightly manned; they inform that the Albany, since the loss of the Greater & best part of her men in the Sloop captured by the Protector, has only twelve sailors & six Marines belonging to her; that their fears are somewhat alarmed by the want of men on board their ships in general. This shews the expediency of not exchanging their sailors; & I would here renew my former request, that the Tories that lately have been, or hereafter may be captured, belonging to the eastern parts, may not be exchanged; but be kept closely confined. Since a number of the most enterprising of them have of late been sent Prisoners to Boston, & several more are in my Custody at Thomaston waiting the Issue of Martial Law. A little seasonable Severity, I hope, will blast the expectations of the Enemy from their Tory Allies.

I would suggest the practicability of drawing out the Enemy's ships and capturing them by stratagem, without running any great Risque on our part. Their ships at Bigwaduce are the Nautilus, the Albany, & two Letter of Marques, viz. Eagle of 22 Guns, & Oceolus, of 18 Guns. All are weakly manned, except the Nautilus, which is not complete;

& a fortnight ago, by Information, there was only one Sloop of War of 18 Guns at Halifax, & none of greater force, the Virginia Frigate having sailed about a month since for New York.

The prevailing public Report from Majorbigwaduce is that a considerable Armament is expected from New-York to take possession of this Post, which tho I think it rather an Argument to the contrary, I could wish to be prepared for.

The inclosed is a Return of the Ordnance and ordnance stores at this Post; the Expediency of augmenting which, 'tis probable will be determined by the adequateness of the supply here for the Use of the place, & the supply the State may have on hand. I propose immediately to proceed again to the eastward after the Troops shall have arrived here, & matters are put into a desirable Train.

I am sensible I have not answered Your Honor's Expectations in speedily arranging & executing the Business of this Department; & would only ask in Excuse, how it was possible to do it? since the Troops have not been raised either agreeable to the Orders or Expectation of the State.

Should any Orders for this Department be sent to my Quarters in this Town, they will have immediate Conveyance to the Eastward, if necessary, in my absence.

I have not as yet been favored with any Return to mine of the eighth & twelveth.

I am Sir, with much Esteem & Respect, Your Honor's most obedient and humble Servant:

Peleg Wadsworth

P. S. A number of small Craft are passing & repassing from Nova Scotia to this State. They produce old permits from Court, which somewhat embarrasses me. This Communication seems to open a wide door for mischief, without a prospect of an equivalent Good.

In Council May 5t 1780

Read & Sent down with several Papers accompanying the Same. Jno Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives May 5th 1780

Read & referrd to the Honbl Council

John Hancock Spkr

In Council May 5, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Resolve directing the Board of War.

In the House of Representatives Apr. 29th 1780

Resolved that the Board of War be directed to forward a sufficient number of Whale Boats to Broad Bay, for the purpose of conveying the detachment destin'd to Machias: and that the said Detachment be embarked under the direction of Brigadier Wadsworth — And that the Board of War also send forward to Falmouth two Eighteen Pound Cannon and three four-Pounders with thirty rounds each

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr

In Council April 29t 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	B White	A. Fuller
A. Ward	D Davis	N Cushing
W Spooner	T Danielson	Saml Niles
T Cushing	Oliver Prescott	Jno Pitts
J Fisher	J Stone	Aaron Wood
H Gardner	Thos Durfee	

Resolve recommending to the Continental Commissary & Quarter Master General.

In the House of Representatives April 29, 1780

Resolved — That Brigadier General Cushing be directed to deliver to Brigadier General Wadsworth or his Order so many of the Fire Arms returned into him, from the late Expedition at Penobscot as he shall apply for taking said Wadsworths Receipt to be accountable for the same

And whereas by a Resolve of Congress of 8th Instant this State is empowered to raise a number of Men on Continental Pay & Rations, for the Defence of the Eastern Parts of this State Resolved, That it be recommended to the Continental Commissary and Quarter Master General in this Department to replace the several Articles in each of their Departments which the Board of War have furnished for the Troops now on Service in the aforesaid Eastern Parts of this State; and that they make suitable provision for future Supplies — And that they appoint each of them a deputy at Falmouth for the purpose of receiving said stores so sent —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr

In Council April 29t 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	Jno Pitts	T Danielson
A. Ward	J Fisher	J Stone
W Spooner	Aaron Wood	O Prescott
H Gardner	Saml Niles	Thos Durfee
T Cushing	B White	N Cushing
D Davis	A. Fuller	

Letter to Hon Elbridge Gerry Esqr

State of Massachusetts May 1st 1780

Gentlemen

The present situation of the Eastern Part of this State rendering it expedient that a regular mode of conveying Intelligence with dispatch to & from thence to Boston, the General Assembly have taken into consideration the present regulation of the Posts who ride from Boston to Falmouth & are of opinion it might be so altered as that the Mails may be carried from Boston to Falmouth in one half the usual time

The Post who rides to Portsmouth goes from Boston every Thursday Morning and arrives at Portsmouth ye next day in the Afternoon. On Saturday morning the Eastern Post who rides from Portsmouth to Falmouth sets out for the last mentioned place & arrives there the next day in the afternoon. He leaves Falmouth Monday or Tuesday and goes home to his Family who reside at Wells about half way between Falmouth & Portsmouth & there tarries till friday when he rides to Portsmouth, and as the Portsmouth Post gets out from that place to Boston on Tuesday, the mails lay in the Post office in Portsmouth till the Tuesday following & is then brought to Boston by Wednesday night—so that letters are nine or ten days passing from Falmouth to Boston

The regulation now proposed is as follows, vizt

That the first mentioned Post leave Boston so early on Thursday as to arrive the same day at Newbury Port & the next day by noon at Portsmouth, & then the Eastern post to take the Mail & carry it to Falmouth by Saturday night. That he then set out from Falmouth early on Monday morning & reach Portsmouth on Tuesday noon at w^h time the other Post may take the Mail and proceed to Boston by Wednesday night.

Altho this Plan may not be fully executed in the Winter time, yet the advantage that may result from it two thirds of ye year or more, makes it expedient to adopt it, especially while the Eastern part of ye State is invaded by the Enemy.

You are therefore directed to apply to the Post Master General for this purpose, & to use Your influence with him to have it carried into effect as soon as may be

Signed by the
President

To the Delegates at Congress who represent
this State —

Petition of Alex^r Campbell & Others.

To the Honorable Council & house of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston May 1 1780

the Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Shews that in consequence of the Enemys having Possession at Penobscot in the Easterly part of this State it is become a Necessary measure that a Number of Troops Should be Rais^d for the Purpose of Defending the Country Between Casko & said Penobscot in Order to prevent the further Encrochments, of the Enemy this Being the Present Disposition of affairs in that Quarter, your Petitioners are of Opinion, in Order to faciltate the good intentions of your Honours that if Weekly intelegance Could be Obtain^d, to and from head Quarters of that Department By Land it might Serve many Valluable Purposes for the Benfit of the Country, and the good of the Publick Service

Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Prays your Honours may Take the matter into your Serious Consideration, and grant that a Post may be Establish^d from Boston, to Thomas

Town in the County of Lincoln, for the Purposes Above mentioned, under Such Restrictions and Regullations as you in your known Wisdom Shall think Best

& your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Abeil Lovejoy

Alex^r Campbell Waterman Thomas Andrew McFarlane

Voyage About Eclipse of Sun.

Mr Savage's very respectfull Complyments to the Revd Mr Williams and requests he would add to the List on the other side, what other Articles he may think necessary for himself and Gentlemen going with him to Penobscot, that they may be provided,— he also wishes to have the Accts as soon as may be — Thursday Noon.

since writing the above I have borrowed One Tent, and As a substitute for a Marquee, a large Mansail will be sent in the Vessell, which will answer every purpose

Mr. Williams's Compliments to Mr. Savage, is much obliged to him for the attention he pays to the convenience of the Gentlemen who are going to Penobscot.— Mr. Williams has made a few alterations in the list of articles; hopes Mr Savage will excuse the trouble we give him and is with the greatest respect his most obedient humble Servant

A List of Articles that will be necessary in addition to the Common allowance on board a Vessell

20-½ Quarter Cask Wine Some addition, 20-15 Gallons Spirits, Some addition, 5 Pounds Tea Some addition & a few pounds of Coffee, 10 ^lb Chocolate, Q bar^l ½ Hundred Sugar, 1 Loaf Ditto One more, 2 Barrells Biscuit shall send 3 Barrells Some addition, 6 Hams Bacon shall send 4, and to it add half Barrells Beef, corn'd and a small quantity

fresh, 50 lb Butter 30 lb Chese, 1 or 2 Barrells Cyder — shall send 2, ½ Hundred Flour, 12 lb Candles — shall send 18e, Few Dozn live Fowls — shall send six Dozen, Do Eggs shall send 8 or 10 Dozen, Pepper, Vinegar, Mustard, Salt (shall put up ½w pepper, 2 Gals Vinegar, 2 bottles Mustard & ½ bushel Salt), Small quantity Potatoes shall send 3 or 4 Bushels We have also added: it being thot necessary 1½ doz Earthen plates, 2 pewter Dishes, 1 doz knives & forks, 1 quart pewter Bason, 2 Quart and 2 pint white Stone Mugs, 1 doz Wine Glasses, 4 Tumblers, 1 doz Coffee Mugs, 1 Teapott, 1 Coffee Pott tin, Medicines — 8 Tincts 8 Cathart and 2 oz Elixr propsl, ½ Bushel of Onions, 4w Coffee — Ground, 3 bushl Corn, 2 Bushels of Apples 3 Doz Pipes, 1 Doz. lb. of Tobacco, 2 quire writing paper, 1 Tent

Superscription — Revd Mr Williams Harvard Colledge

Statement of Lemuel Dillingham.

this May Sertify that as I Lemuel dilinham of Bristol Being apointed an Elder in the meeteing of frends in this Place am Senceabel that the Ciracter of our friend Nathaniel Palmer Stands good and gives Satisfaction to all the members of Sd Meeting and giveing none a Reason to Suspect he is an Enemy to our Cuntry yet utterly Refuseing all war on any occation Lemuel Dillingham

Peter Noyes to Hon. Jeremiah Powell, Esqr.

Falmouth May 2d 1780

Sir.

agreable to a Resolve of the General Court of ye 25th of March 1780 I have made a Demand for the delivery of the

Articles saved from the wreck mentioned in said Resolve from the following Persons Viz[t] Mess. Stephen Hall Joseph Maclallen William Maclallen Arthur Maclallen Benjamin Titcomb, Daniel Ilsley John Fox John Archer John Trent Nathaniel Dearing Joseph Ingraham Robert Barten Thomas Cummings Thomas Stanford James Fosdick & Woodbury Storer. although they acknowledge the receiving the articles saved from said wreck do refuse to deliver any of said articles

I am Sir your Honours most obedient & Humble Servant

Peter Noyes

To the Honorable Jeremiah Powel Esq
President of the Council

In Council May 5 — 1780
Read & Sent down

John Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives May 5 1780

Read & referred to the Honorable Council to take such Order thereon as they shall judge proper

And the Council are hereby impowerd to cause the Persons therein named to be apprehened and confined, until they shall comply with the Resolve of Court above referrd to

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council May 5th 1780
Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jere Powell	J. Fisher	Aaron Wood
A Ward	T Danielson	Sam Niles
T Cushing	O. Prescott	Jn[o] Pitts
B White	N. Cushing	A Fuller
S Adams	Tho[s] Durfee	

Petition of Patrick Wallance.

To the Honorable Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Patrick Vallence Most humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner has Reic^{d} no Answer to a Petition that he sent to your Honors, the 20th of April — sence then he understands there is a Cartel from Penobscot, he therefore Prayes your Honers would be Pleas'd to order your Petitioner on Board of the said Cartel, that he may be abale to Return to Halifax to Render an account of his Conduct.

and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Patrick Vallance

May the 3^{d} 1780

In Council May 3^{d} 1780

Read & Ordered — That John Hopkins Esqr D^{y} Commissary of Prisoners be and hereby is directed to send Capt. Patrick Vallence late Comander of a Cartel from Halifax which was cast away at Cape Elizabeth on Board the Cartel from Penobscot and not to suffer him to come on Shore by any means again and to see that he carries no Letters or Papers that shall be detrimental to this or the United States

Attest Jn° Avery D Secy

Resolve Relating to Delivery of Stores.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives May 3, 1780

Whereas this Court did by their Resolve of the 29^{t} of April recommend to the Continental Dep^{y} Quarter Master and issuing Commissary in this Department to make the necessary supplys for the eight hundred Men rais^{d} for the defence of the Eastern Country agreable to the Resolution of Congress for that purpose and did further recommend to

S^{d} Quater Master & Commissary to appoint each of them a deputy at Falmouth but as part of s^{d} eight hundred Men are to be quater^{d} at Cambden & Machias — Therefore Resolved that it be recommended and it is hereby accordingly recommended to the Continental Dep^{y}, Quater Master and Commissary to appoint each of them a deputy at Cambden and Machias to make the necessary delivery of the stores sent to those places

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council May 3^{d} 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec^{y}

Consented to —

Jer Powell	B White	Thos Durfee
A. Ward	T Danielson	Oliver Prescott
J Fisher	J Stone	Saml Niles
H Gardner	A. Fuller	Aaron Wood
D Davis	N. Cushing	Jno Pitts

Mr Comm^{y} Noyes Letter.

Falmouth May 3^{d} 1780

Sir

I have Purchased 200 bushels Rye & two hundred bushels Corn which will last the Troops after they are all in four Weeks I have laid all the money out I recved from the Bord War. I should be glad you would Git me a Receipt from the Treasurer on George Strout Collector of Cape Elizabeth for two thousand five Hundred Pound & another on James Frost Collector of Falmouth for the Balance Due from him to the Treasurer I should be glad you would send what beef you purpose to send to this post by Capt Gooding this time as I shall send him another way next Trip General

Wadsworth has orderd me to send for or Procure half Tun Junck 4 Reams Musket Cartridge Paper 4 Horn Lanthorns one Ladle for 32 pounder & Candles for the use of this post two Grindstones & some Carpenters Tools the above articles are not to be procured here I am sir your most Humble Servant

Joseph Noyes

To Samuel P. Savage Esqr President of the Bord War

Petition of the Proprietors of the Town of Fryeburgh.

at a Legale Meeting of the Proprietors of the Township of Fryeburg held at the Dwelling House of Mr Ezekiel Walker on wednesday the third day of May 1780

2^{ly} Lt Richard Kimball, David Page Esqr & Lt Isaac Walker, were Chose a Committee to prefer a petition to the Generall Court, for an Act. to Enable said Proprietors to Raise Money to Defraye their Proprietary Charges

A True Coppy attest:

Moses Ames prop^{rs} Clerk

To the Honorable the General Court of the State of the Massachusetts Bay assembled May 31^{t} 1780

The Petition of the Proprietors of the Town of Fryeburg humbly sheweth — That your Petitioners were at great Expence in looking out by various Routs, for a Road to said Township, and in clearing for more than Fifty Miles to enable them to pursue the Settlement of the same; also for laying out their Land, and making Roads in the Town, together with other Proprietary Charges, all which Accounts continue to be unsettled to the Damage of many Individuals: that they will be necessarily put to a farther Expence to compleat the Division of the Land in the Town: And as the Laws of this State are ineffectual to raise Money for the Purposes

of defreying their Charges, with that Convenience which the Nature of their Affairs require; therefore pray that your Honors would take the Matter into your wise Consideration, and make a Law to enable the Proprietors of Fryeburg to raise such Sums of Money as they shall think necessary to defrey the Charges that have risen or may arise in Order to compleat their Propprietary Affairs in the most feasible Manner, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Richard Kimball Isaac Walker David Page } Com^tee

Order of Board of War.

War Office, Boston, May 1780

Capt Jno F. Williams

Sir/ The Ship Protector of which you are Commander, being now compleatly fitted & equiped, it is our Orders that you proceed to Sea immediately, first running down the Eastern Coasts of this State & clearing the Same of any Armed Vessells that may be infesting them — from thence run off to the South East to the Latitude 38 & 39, which we apprehend will be in the track of Vessels bound from Europe to New York or Carolina & there Cruize Seven Days — then Steer to the N. E. endeavouring to make Cape Race in Newfoundland, which Cape we imagine most of the Vessels bound from England to Canada always endeavour to make — then Stand off to the Southward of the Banks & there Cruize for the space of twenty Days — after the expiration of that time you are to return to the Westward & revisit the Eastern Coasts of this State, where you may act as circumstances may require for the space of Days — then again run off to the Southward in the track of the West India Vessels homeward bound & there we flatter ourselves you will be able to make up a successfull Cruize — upon your return home you are to pay

another Visit to the Eastern Coasts & give every attention to the Protection & Security of the General Trade of this State — In these several Stations you are to use your best & utmost endeavours to take, burn, sink & destroy all armed & other Vessels with their Cargoes the Property of the Subjects of the King of Great Britain, Enemies to these Sovereign & Independant United States & to the Natural Rights of Mankind — Should you be so fortunate as to make any Captures you are to send them under proper Prize Masters into this or some other safe Port in the United States, from whence the earliest notice is to be given this Board by Express — You will bring or send in all the Prisoners you may take, as shall be practicable, in order to their being exchanged for our suffering Brethren in the hands of the Enemy — You are to be extreemly cautious not to molest the Navigation of the Subjects of our good Ally the King of France, or other Powers in Amity with these States — but in everything strictly to conform your self to the good & wholesome Regulations of Congress, for that purpose made & provided — Be carefull to send us all the necessary Papers, by each and every Prize you may make — We heartily wish you Success & are Sir/

Your Friends &c By Order of the Board

John Browne Pres^t P Tem

N. B. You are to take under your Convoy the Schooner Two Friends Jonas Farnsworth Master, loaded with Provisions & Military Stores for the use of the Garrison & Troops at Machias and see her safe off that Place —

I acknowledge the foregoing to be a true Copy of my Orders received from the Board of War and Promise to Govern myself accordingly

Jn° F Williams

James Richardson's Letter.

Boston May 4th 1780

Honble Gentlemen

I have this day Rec^d a Resolve of the Honble Genl Court of yesterdays date, recommending the appointment of an A C Issues at Campden & another at Machias, I could wish that the Honble Board of War would direct that I may be furnished with the Resolve of the 29th Ult. it being necessary that I should have that also, & any other Instructions respecting the future supplies of these Posts will be thankfully acknowledged by their very respectful & most Obed^t Hble Servt

Ja Richardson D C G Issues

P.S. The Honble Board will be pleased to recommend such Persons as they may judge suitable for Commissaries at the above Posts & they shall be immediately appointed

J Richardson

The Honble Board of War

Resolve in favor of Waterman Thomas.

State of Massachusetts

In the House of Representatives May 4 1780

The Committee Apointed To Settle With Waterman Thomas Esqr purchasing and Issuing Commissary and Quartermaster to the Troops Doing Duty at Cambden (Before the Troops Destined for the penobscot Expedition were arived at That post) and also for the Troops Doing Duty there after the Defeat of the penobscot Expedition and to major Lithgows Detachment untill ye first Day of November Last All which it Set forth in his memorial Have attended that Servis and Having Carefully Examined the Several accounts all which apear to be Reasonable charges

and well Supported with proper Vouchers and there apears to be Due to the Said Waterman Thomas Esqr Thirty Two Thousand four Hundred and forty Nine pounds 15/.2 to Ballance his Accounts — and ask Leave to Report the following Resolve —

Resolved that the Board of War be and Hereby are Directed To pay to Waterman Thomas Esqr Thirty Two Thousand four Hundred and forty Nine pounds fifteen shillings and Two pence in full for his Ballance as aforesaid

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council May 4^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec^{y}

Consented to —

Jer Powell	H Gardner	Aaron Wood
A. Ward	T Danielson	B White
T Cushing	Oliver Prescott	Saml Niles
S Adams	N Cushing	A. Fuller
J Fisher	Thos Durfee	Jno Pitts

Resolve Relating to Abatement of Taxes.

State of Massachusetts

In the House of Representatives May 4, 1780

On the Petition of the Several Towns in the County of Lincoln praying for an abatement of a part of their Taxes —

Resolved that Fifteen Thousand Pounds be abated; upon each of the Taxes order'd to be assest since the first day of September 1779; and that the Several Towns be directed to meet together by there Agents, whose business it Shall be to abate the afforesaid Fifteen Thousand Pounds from the Several Towns in the County of Lincoln as they Shall Judge

equal and Just — and also that the Said agents be directed to make a return of the Sum that each Town Shall be so abated to the Treasurer of this State as soon as may be

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council May 5th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to —

Jere Powell	H Gardner	Aaron Wood
A. Ward	T. Danielson	B. White
T. Cushing	Oliver Prescott	Sam Niles
S Adams	N. Cushing	Jno Pitts
J Fisher	Thos Durfee	A. Fuller

Memorial of Waterman Thomas.

To the Honble Council and the Honble House of Representatives of s^{d} State

Memoral of Waterman Thomas Humbly Sheweth Your Memorialist would Represent to your Hon^{rs} that he has applied to the Board of War for the ballance of his Accompts which being, Thirty two Thousand four hundred & fifty Nine pounds 1.5/2 Agreeable to a Resolve Passed the House the 4th Instant;

Your Memorialist, being Informed by the President of the Board of War that it was out of his Power to Comply with said Resolve, unless your Hon^{rs} woud grant an Order on the Treasurer, for the Sum above Mentioned, Wherefore your Memorialist, prays that your Hon^{rs} would make said Grant, that your Memorialist may Receive his Ballance which has been Due more than Six Months and is Detained hear at a

great expence, wherefore your Memorialist prays that your Hon^{rs} would grant your Memorialist prayers and as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c Waterman Thomas

Boston May 5th 1780

Resolve on Petition of Jeremiah Powell.

State of the Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives May 5th 1780

on the Petition of the Honble Jerem^{h} Powell Esqr on Behalf of the County of Cumberland Representing the Inability of the Inhabitants of Said County Paying their State Tax at Present

Therefore Resolved that the Treas^{r} of this State be and he hereby is Directed to Stay Execution against the Collectors in the Several Towns in the County of Cumberland on the Said Tax untill A the Further Order of the General Court may Resolve to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council May 5, 1780

Read & Concurred with an Amendment at A viz at A dele the further Order of the General Court — and insert the twentieth day of June next —

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y.

In the House of Representatives May 5th 1780

Read & concurred John Hancock Spk^{r}

Consented to—

A. Ward	D. Davis	Sam Niles
T. Cushing	H. Gardner	Aaron Wood
S. Adams	J Fisher	Jno Pitts
T. Danielson	B. White	
O. Prescott	A. Fuller	

Resolve in favor of Waterman Thomas.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives May 5, 1780

Whereas this Court by their Resolve of the fourth instant did direct the Board of War to pay to Waterman Thomas Esq thirty two thousand four hundred and fifty nine pounds fifteen shillings and two pence in full for sundrys supply[d] by him to the Army when upon the Penobscot Expedition

Therefore Resolved that there be allow'd and paid out of the Publick Treasury To the Board of War the sum of thirty two thousand four hundred and fifty nine pounds fifteen shillings and two pence to enable them to pay the aforesaid Waterman Thomas Esq[r] agreeable to the Resolve of the fourth instant for that purpose

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council May 5 1780

Read & Concurred

Saml Adams Sec[y]

Warrant drawn this Day

Consented to

Jere Powell	H. Gardner	B. White
A. Ward	T Danielson	Sam Niles
T Cushing	O Prescott	Jno Pitts
S Adams	N Cushing	Aaron Wood
J Fisher	Thos. Durfee	A Fuller

Representation of John McGoff—a Sailor.

These Certify that John McGoff late a Seaman on board the arm'd Brig[t] Tyrranicide in the Service of this State, and

who lost his left leg the 30th of March 1779 in an Engagement, with the Enemys Brigt Revenge —

Allen Hallet Capt

Boston 27th Septmr 1779

The above is a true Copy from the Original
attest Jno Lucas
Comsry of Pensioners for this State of Massachusetts bay

To the Honble Council & House Representatives

John Lucas, In behalf of John McGoff, a Seaman, in the Service & pay of this State, & who lost his left leg, on board the Brigt Tyrranicide when Ingaged with the enemys Brigt Revenge, the 30, March 1779, as Appears by his Certificate, as this Representation was maid ye 20th Octr last with, ye original Certificates you have only an Attested Copy

Pension Office at Boston 8th of May 1780

John Lucas
Comsry of Pensioners for the State of Massachusetts Bay

N. B. his pay seacd the 30th of April 1779

In Council June 19, 1780
Read & Sent down
John Avery D Secy

Memorial of Major Scarborough Gridley —

To the Hon'ble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay
The Memorial of Scarboro Gridley Humbly Shows

That your Memoriallist in consequence of his appointment as Engineer to erect suitable Works for the purpose of defence at Falmouth; Your Memoriallist stands ready to execute said Commission, and is Anxious to proceed on said business immediately; but as he is in want of a few Necessarys, begs the Honorable Council to furnish him with Money to defray his Expences; An order on the Depy Q M Genl

for a Horse, Sadle & bridle; An order on the Hon'ble Board of War for 1 p^{r} Boots 1 Hatt 3 p^{r} thread stockings 1 p^{r} Leather Breeches 5 ^{yds} Brown Holland Your Memorialist being intirely destitute, Not having been allow'd to draw Clothing as the Officers of the Line; All which your Memoriallist expects to be Accountable for at the making up the Depreciation.

And as in Duty Bound shall ever pray —

Scarboro Gridley

In Council May 9th 1780

Read & Ordered — That it be & it is hereby recommended to Col^{o} Thos Chase D. Q. M. G. to furnish Major Scarborough Gridley with a Horse Saddle & Bridle who is appointed Engineer to erect suitable Works for the Defence of Falmouth

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

In Council May 9^{t} 1780

Ordered that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to deliver Major Scarborough Gridley one pair of Boots, one Hatt, three pair thread Stockings, one pair of Leather Breeches & five yards Brown Holland — he to be accountable for the same — Said Gridley being appointed Engineer to erect suitable Works for the Defence of Falmouth

Attest John Avery D Secy

In Council May 9^{t}, 1780

Ordered — that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £500 in fav^{r} of Major Scarborough Gridley to enable him to pay his Expences to falmouth on Casco Bay — he to be acc^{ble} for the same

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Instructions to Lt Col^o Scar: Gridley.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber May 10. 1780

Sir

You being appointed by the Council of this State an Engineer to oversee the repairing or erecting at Falmouth in the County of Cumberland such works for the defence of that place as shall be Judged necessary by the Commanding officer in that Department. You will therefore without loss of time repair to Falmouth aforesaid and there lay out and oversee the erecting of such works as Brigadeer General Wadsworth shall think best calculated for the defence of that important Post. You will from time to time receive and follow such orders and directions as Brigadeer General Wadsworth shall give you respecting the business in your Department. You will apply to the Commanding Officer there for such men for fatigue as may be necessary for the effecting this business, and also for such Intrenching tools as may be requisite for the carrying on and compleating the same. You will loose no time in prosecuting this Business, as it is of importance that those Works should be put into a defensible State as quick as Possible.

Lie^t Colo Scarborough Gridley

In the name and behalf of the Council President

Representation of John Lucas in behalf of William Hubbard.

State of Mass^tts Bay

Council Chamber May 10th 1780

On the Representation of John Lucas Commissary of Pensioners in behalf of William Hubbard Mariner on Board the Continental Frigate Warren and who was wounded in the Knee by a Musket Ball in the Action at Penobscot by

which he has lost the Use of his Knee as appears by his Certificates and rendered unfit for Service Ordered — that William Hubbard is intitled to half pay as a Pensioner to Commence from 2d Septembr 1779

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Navy Board Eastn Departmt

Boston May 5th 1780

This certifies that William Hubbard was a Marine on Board the Ship Warren on the Expedition to Penobscot as appears by the Ships Pay roll returned into this office and the Navy Board are Informed that he there lost his leg — or the use of it — I. Warren for the Board

To the Honble Council,

John Lucas, in behalf of William Hubbard, a Marein, on board the Continental Frigate Warren, and who was wounded in the Knee by a Musket ball in the Action at Penobscott, by wch he has lost the Use of his Knee, as appears by his Certificates and begs the Provision as the law in this Case makes proper.

Pension Office at Boston 8th May 1780

John Lucas Comsry of Continental Pensioners

These Certifie that William Hubbard a Marine on Board the Warren Frigate was wounded thro the Knee by a Musket Ball at the Action at Bagaduce by which he has Lost the Use of his Legg Jos Gardner Seargt

Boston May 9 1780

To the Honble Council,

John Lucas, Comsry of Pensioners havg recd a Report of 10th Instant in Favour of Wm Hubbard, whose pay is to Comence from sd tenth Instant. Whereas, by a Resolve of the Honble the Continental Congress of 26th Augst 1776, also that of 25th of Septmr 1778, makes provision that aney Person, who, shall receive any disability & shall be the sub-

ject to a Pension s^d^ Pension shall Comence from the Day his pay ceaseth to be paid as a soldier or an officer—Agreable to this this State Have made the Same Provision, by a Law, dated 14th of Augst 1777

Pension Office at Boston 11th of May 1780

John Lucas Com^sry^ of Pensoners

Abiel Woods Petition.

State of Massachusetts bay

To the Honble the Council of said State,

Abiel Wood of Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln Merchant humbly Shews — that in the ordinary course of business he had a large property in Liverpool in Nova Scotia which the circumstances of the war have entirely prevented his coming to the possession of, & rendered it to him altogether useless. humbly conceiving that the Government of this State will indulge their Subjects with every security in their power to recover their interest from the hands and improvement of the Subjects of that power with which this State is at War — he begs leave humbly to request that your Honors wou'd grant him Liberty to go to Nova Scotia & bring his property which is now there to some part of this State, by such ways and means as may be in his power & he as in Duty bound shall ever pray Abiel Wood

State of Mass^tts^ Bay

Council Chamber May 13th 1780

On the Petition of Abiel Wood praying for Liberty to go to Nova Scotia for the purpose of bringing his Property from thence into this State — Ordered that the Prayer of this Petition be granted and that Abiel Wood be and hereby is permitted to go to Nova Scotia to transact the Business mentioned in his Petition and to return into this State with-

in the Term of four Months in such way as he shall think best — he giving Bond in the penal Sum of five thousand Pounds to the Treasurer of this State that he will not carry with him Goods of any kind or Provisions more than necessary for his Voyage to Nova Scotia — And all commanders of Armed Vessels belonging to this State are hereby directed not to molest the Said Wood when returning from Nova Scotia to this State with the Effects he may bring with him belonging to him and all Commanders of Armed Vessels belonging to any of the United States are hereby requested not to interrupt or molest the Said Wood returning from Nova Scotia into this State aforesaid provided that this Order shall not be any Protection to said Wood for more than once returning from Nova Scotia aforesaid —

Attest Jn° Avery D Secy

Board of War to Genl Wadsworth.

War Office Boston May 15th 1780

Sir

Agreable to the order of Government for that purpose this Board have shipt on board the Sloop Swan Step: Waite Mast^r 2 Eighteen pounders & 3 four pound Cannon with Carriages & other Apparatus Compleat as p Schedule inclos'd which we wish safe to hand & are Your Hble Servant

E. Johnson P P T p ord^r

Genl Wadsworth, or in his absence, to the Officer Command^g at Falm° Casco Bay

J Allan to Hon^b Jeremiah Powell Esqr.

Machias May 15th 1780

Sir

I am happy to have the Honor to Acquaint the Hon'ble Board that a great Part of the Supplys ordered by the Court

has arrived — those under Convoy of the Protector arrived in the River in four Days & is now unloading,— This naturally raises our Spirits at present, tho' a Gloom over our minds for fear of some Deserter, as there is no Troops arrived, The Provision appears very well Calculated for the Indian Service, but the other supplys is almost Useless being such that an Indian would not take them, but in the greatest distress,—

I am Certain the Hon'ble Court has taken great Trouble in geting matters properly arranged & do not by any means Complain there, but if no other supplys Can be furnished for the Indians, and the great Encouragement offered by the Enemy, I have little hopes of making them so far Servicable, as to Answer the great Expence which will arise in furnishing them with Provision & Ammunition,— the Promises I have made them is great, and their Expectations much raised.

There is many Evils which arises, which I have often Mentioned in not having supplies regularly laid in, both in regard to keeping the Indians, as well as Profitable to the States — my reason of sending Colonel Campbell last fall was to remedy this — when such Short Supplys arrives, they Cannot be Sufficiently furnished, for by the Time every one gits a small part it is gone,— Besides several payments, Wages, Primiums &c Takes up a great part, after which they will Steal their Trade, and such a Number of Petty Traders about Taking every Advantage, the whole of their Peltry goes that way, Particularly when there is Rum, all which Deprives me of Collecting a Quantity of Furs, which might Turn to great Advantage to Government, There is no reasoning with them to Delay, & if the Supplys is not present at the Critical Minute, the whole is lost for that season — If there had been a Supply of Rum arrived here in Time I intended to have put it into the hands of a person Uncon-

nected with the Service to sell them, as they woud sooner give 4^{w} Beaver for a quort of Rum by Stealth, then Two Gallons openly from the Truck House — and when they have nothing to give I am forced to supply them to prevent any Connections with the Enemy — The Hon'ble Court will please to Take Notice of this & if Possible to have these things Remyed — I shall be at a great loss how to peace them, at our Conference when I engage them in the Service for this Year,— they will Surely expect the Presents & Primiums Customary. Cloth for Coats Blankets & Leggens must be sent.

Sence my last, we have had a Variety of Movements among the Indians — Several Canadians & Indians have Come thro' from Canada and not knowing their Numbers or Intentions has Occationed much Commotion & fear among the familys, I have a Number out Scouting & Spys at different Parts to find out the Certainty — by the Scarcity of Provisions & the Desire our Indians had of being togeather, I Consented to have the randavous at Passamequody for the Grand Council the last of this Month, Captain Preble is there with them, as I thought it not prudent to leave this place in so Defenceless a Situation, as the Enemy were so Bent upon its distruction — the last Advice there was seventy Canoes — I allso sent a Belt of Wampum to all the Mecmacks, Madawasqua & as far as the confines of Canada, Desiring all Denominations to Attend in Peace at the Conference, I shall sett of for the purpose the 25th of this Month.

I shoud have been happy if 100 men more had been granted for this Part, with a Larger Latitude to extend towards St Johns, as Excursions that way & having Tempory Posts fixed between us, woud prevent the great Advantages which the Enemy may reap by the Lumber Trade on that River & other Matters, as allso woud prevent the Indians having any

Connection & keeping them in Awe without doing Damage to the Inhabitants.

I informed the Court in a former letter of my taking upon myself to raise a Company of Rangers from among the Different Settlements, westward to be then Stationed to the 1st May — I Judged this to be Necessary from the great Progress, the Enemys Emmesarys among us had made, in Encouraging the Weak & Credilous to fall in with the proposials of the British Commanders — I am happy to inform the Court it took Effect beyound my Sanguine Expectations & tho' I Cou'd not put them upon So respectable footing as I Coud Wish — the Constant Exertion used & keeping up Expresses backwards and forwards, the Enemy has not Dared to make any Attempt which was first Intended, nor Can I learn that there has been any further Connections with them Eastward of Union River —

Millican & Johnson which I Took Prisoners found Means to escape, our want of Provisions — & not having men to keep a proper Guard over such Persons, Induced me to Allow them to keep at a Private House on Parole under my own Eye — But by the Assistance of some persons, went of in the Night took a Boat & Got Clear, notwithstanding every possible meathod was pursued to retake Them.

From the Different reports prevailing of the Enemys Intention on this place, I thought it Necessary to Picket in our little Fort, & Accordingly the whole Officers & others sett to work & Compleated it, in a Manner that woud make it Difficult to surprise, if but 50 Men to Defend it — at present we have about 20 of all Denominations, which are Divided in Two Guards, which has done Duty Alternately for this 5 Weeks —

In the Resolves I perceive no mention made of the little Corps of Artillery I have Continued from Time to Time in

the Service under Lieut Albee, to Assist in the Indian business, It is highly Necessary they shoud be Continued and as there is several who have been faithfull & persevered thro' many Difficultys — I must earnestly request the Hon'ble Court will please to order them some Cloathing & other Necessarys, which may be allowed other Troops in the Continent — My own Inability to help them, & the poverty of the poor fellows, Occations my forwardness to request, which I flatter myself will appologize for the Liberty I take

The plan formed for the Security of the Eastern County, and the Power given to Gen[l] Wadsworth, I flatter myself (with Suitable Exertions) will prevent the Enemy from gaining any further Advantage — & must pray the Liberty to make my Gratefull Acknowledgements to the Hon'ble Court for the Honor Confered on me in Continuing me in the Employ — tho' I should be much more happy if the Times & other Service of my Country woud permit me to retire to Private life

I shall not Trouble the Honble Board further at this Time, only to pray them to give orders about the Indians Goods being sent,—

The Bearer M[r] Barker will Communicate any further which may be inquired He came from Captivity some time ago & has Continued here — being very usefull during the winter

I have the Honor to Be Sir yr Very Hb Ser[t]
with Respect J. Allan

Hon[l] Jeremiah Powell Esq[r]

Instructions to Lieu[t] Ethan Moore.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber May 15 1780

To Lie[t] Ethan Moore You being appointed by the Coun-

cil of this State A Recruiting Officer to raise twenty Matrosses & to take the command of the same and to do duty in Falmouth in the County of Cumberland or anywhere within this State to be annexed to the Company under the Command of Captain Amos Lincoln & upon the same Establishment. You will therefore make no delay in repairing to Falmouth aforesaid and use your best endeavours to Inlist in the County of Cumberland the Matrosses aforesaid to Serve for the term of three years unless sooner discharged. Upon your ariving at Falmouth aforesaid you will acquaint Brigadeer General Wadsworth of your arival and Inform him of the instructions you have Received. You will then consider yourself as under the command of General Wadsworth till further orders from the General Court or Council, You will be peculiarly attentive to the disaplineing your men upon their Inlisting that you may be in a capasity in case of an attack to render essential Service to your Country. All Such men as you shall inlist you will cause to be mustered before the muster master in the County of Cumberland and such men as he shall muster for your Corps will be entitled to receive the sum of Thirty Pounds Bounty you will as soon as may be after they are mustered make return of them to the Council producing the muster masters Certificate that they have been so mustered by him that they may be paid their bounty & you receive your Commission

Attest Jn° Avery D Secy

Petition of Alexander Campbell.

To the Honorable Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Boston May 16th 1780

The Petition of Alexr Campbell Humbly Sheweth That it is with the utmost Reluctance I feel myself constraind, to attempt any Further application, to your Honours, on a

Matter the Particular Circumstances of which, your Honours are so fully Acquiented with — I have Endavour^d with candor to state my Real Scituation, to almost Evry Genthman at the Honorable Bord and as I ever wish to conduct myself so as to merit your Honors Approbation. Nothing is More Disagreeable to your Petitioner then his Being under the Necessity of such an Alternative. And only Begs Leave to Observe to your Honours, that I have an Opertunity of a Passage to Machias the Last of this Week, and as I am Sensable I am wanted there, and Possably may Be usefull, and here at present wholly inactive, accumaltated Expences Arrising from Day to Day, and a Large family Who Need my Asistance Wherefore your Petitioner Humbly prays your Honours may Take his Peculiar Case under your further and wise Consideration & point out some meathod whereby your Petitioner may Be Supply'd with Such a Sum of mony as will Answer his Present Purposs I have Borrow^d mony in this Town, which I Cannot with Honour & Justice Leave without Discharging — and to Tarry untill the General Assembly Sits will Occation an aditional Expense, and Extremly Detrimential to your Petitioner, and further prays that the Consideration of the Petitioners Circumstances may in some measure Appoligize for his Repeated Application on this Occation & as in Duty Bound Shall Pray

Alex^r Campbell Agent for Col^o Allan

In Council May 16^t 1780

Read & Ordered — That a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £3000 in fav^r Lt Col^o Alexander Campbell agent to Col^o Allen as appears by Col^o Allen's Letters and sundry Certificates for the purpose of Collecting Stores for the Eastern Department he to be acc^ble for the same in settling his acc^t and that the same be charged to the United States —

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Order of Capt. Henry Mowatt to Captain of King's Rangers.

By Capt Henry Mowatt of His Majesty's Ship the Albany and Senior Officer in Penobscot Bay.

You are hereby impowerd and directed to take by Force of Arms, all Vessels and Craft that may fall in your power, belonging to the Subjects of the Kings of France and Spain, as also those belonging to the Rebells of America, and you are to order all Captains to this Port or to some other place in Nova Scotia

Given on board the Albany in the River of Bagaduce
17th May 1780
H: Mowat

To Capt. James Ryder Mowatt of the Kings Rangers

James Richardson to Board of War.

Boston May 19th 1780

Honble Gentlemen

It being of the utmost Importance that Falmouth, Campden & Machias should be immediately furnished with a large quantity of Provisions for the use of the Troops which are or may be stationed at those Posts agreeable to a Resolution of the Eight Ult^o^ passed by Congress —

I beg that the Honble Board of War may be pleased to grant me a loan of one hund^d^ Barrells of Salt Beef for that purpose, as the busy season of the year prevents the getting Teams to transport the same from the Magazines to this Post which Beef will either be replaced or otherwise accounted for by the United States & am Honble Gentlemen y^r^ Hon^rs^ most obed^t^ & very Hble Servt

Jas Richardson A D C G Iss.

The Honble Board of War

Saml Doggett to Eleazer Johnson, Esqr.

Boston May 20th 1780

Sir

These acquainting you that I was one half owner with Mr Jepson of the Sloop Pigeon Capt Little Master that was destroyed at Penobscot. I would ask your greatest influence in obtaining the money or Part of it as I have not been able to do any kind of Business for these 13 months and am in a very weak & low State of health I have expended all my money & have tired my Friends in Borrowing I therefore beg of you as a friend to Consider my Case & use your utmost Influence towards my obtaining the aforesaid Money or part of it and in so doing you will greatly oblige

Your most obedient humb^l serv^t

Saml Doggett

Eleazer Johnson Esqr

Genl Wadsworth Letter.

Head Quarters Falmouth 20th May 1780

Sir

In mine of the 28th Ult. I Inform'd your Honour of the time of my Return to this Place & of the Scituation & Circumstances of it with Respect to Troops; since that time the men have dropd in by degrees to the Number of 200, including the Company from this County. The Remainder I think will come by the hardest. I have not had a late Return from Cambden, but understand that their Numbers are nearly in the Same proportion, This Backwardness of Raising Soldiers, by the best Information I receive, is owing, not so much to an Aversion to the Service, as the Smallness of the Encouragement, for in general, when the Towns have

offer'd the Soldier forty Shillings per Month, in the old way as they call it, they have not wanted for Voluntiers, their men are likely; their Soldiers are on the Spot: And here I cannot but digress in Subjecting my favourite Sentiment, that had the State or States adopted the Policy of making the Soldier's, the best Business; they would never have wanted for men, their Armies would be running over & they would have the Choice of the best. I ask pardon for the Digression — My first Business as the Troops arived, was repairing the Fort at the West End of the Town, that there might be one Work, in somewhat of a defencible Posture. I then proceeded to lay out & begin a small Fort within the very extensive & decayed Lines on Mount Joys Neck at the east End of the Town, which when completed I conceive will answer all the good purposes of holding that important Ground, that could have been expected from a more extensive one & is capable of being defended by 500 Men, with a good Block House in the Middle of it, which may conveniently overlook the whole, should the State see fit to be at the (necessary) Expence of one & give orders for erecting it.

The Platforms of the Batteries in the Front of the Town are very rotten & decayed, these are in a way to be repaired.— The Troops are under some degree of Order & Discipline.

Yesterday arived from the Board of War, two 18 pdw & three Field pieces with their Apurtenances, which in part supply our Deficiency & which may be very Serviceable.

I have not been favour'd with any Return from your Honour, the above mention'd Cannon excepted, respecting the Several Matters on which I have wrote; amongst which a Company of the Train for this Post is of some Consequence

Having thus arranged things here, have left my Instructions with Lieut Col[l] Prime, who discovers the utmost Attention to & good will for the Service, to execute the Business;

& propose to set out in a borrow'd whale Boat early tomorrow morning for Thomaston, via Brunswick.

I have the honour to be, with much Respect Sir Your honours most humble Servt

Peleg Wadsworth

Honble Jeremiah Powell President of Council

P S. I was in great hopes that a Surgeon & Mate would have ariv'd here, before I set out for the eastward, both of which ought to be skilful. The Chief Surgeon I propose to order to the eastern County where no other Assistance can be had, the mate will be left here; & altho' I have not heard of their Appointment, as I suppose they will not be tho't unnecessary, am in daily hopes of their arival.—

P Wadsworth

In Council June 1^{t} 1780

Read & Sent down with Letter of May the 10th & 26^{t} last accompanying the same John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives June 2, 1780

Read & thereupon Ordered That General Preble Coll Glover & Mr Gorham with such as ye Honble Board shall join, be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 2 1780

Read & Concurred and Timothy Danielson & Saml Niles Esq^{rs} are joyned S Adams Scer^{y}

Communication of E. Gerry and Others to Council.

Philadelphia May 20th 1780

Sir

We do ourselves the Honor to inclose the Copy of a Note received from the Minister of France; and we hope that some suitable Persons may be directed to prosecute the En-

quiries therein mentioned, and to transmit to us the consequent Information. From these Communications will probably grow Fruits very beneficial to the State of Massachusetts, the minister appearing to us at all Times to take a cordial Interest in its Prosperity.

We apprehend that Copies of some Materials already in the public offices of the State will go far towards giving compleat satisfaction We have Col. Campbel's Description of Penobscot Fort & its Neighbourhood but That is rather vague for any Purpose but to show the Value of the Country

We are with great Respect Sir Your most humble servants,

E. Gerry
James Lovell
S. Holten

Honble President of the Council of Massachusetts

In Council May 30^h 1780

Read & Committed to Thomas Cushing, Saml Adams and Timothy Danielson Esqr to consider this Letter with a Note from the Minister of France & report what may be proper to be done thereon — Jas Avery D Secy.

Translation

The Minister of France would be glad to know of what the Garrison at Halifax consists — the number of Ships or armed Vessels in that Port — the exact plan of the Fortifications — the Soundings of the Harbour & Baye; — in short, all the Information which can be procured either as to the Disposition of the Inhabitants or the Resources and Provision which may be hoped for from the Country in Case a Body of Troops could be carried thither. It would be likewise necessary to procure Intelligence from that Town the oftnest possible.

The same Informations respecting Penobscot would also be infinitely interesting. The Minister of France has the

Honor of intreating the Delegates of the State of Massachusetts to enable him to be possessed of them.

Leche de la Luzerne

1780

By the Best Information that can at Present be obtained of ye Forces at Hallifax

The following regiment are there

June 5 There were at Hallifax on ye 28 of December last six Regiments of British Troops Viz^t

At Hallifax	1—Col° Bruce the 70th consists of ab^t	500
At d°	2—Argyle's a Highland Regiment abt	750
Penobscot	3×Hambleton Regiment at Penobscot abt	450
At Hallifax	4—The Emmigrants a Highland Regiment abt	500
d°	5×The Royall Vincible's a Regiment abt	250
D°	6—The Orange Rangers at Fort Cumberland a Regiment raised at New York commanded by Col Bayard consist'd —	250
D°	7 The Loyall Nova Scotians a Regiment consisting of ab^t	500
from recruits from Newfoundland & the Fishermen that belonged to the Fisheries distroyed on Nova Scotia		500
Shore Viz Canso Petit de Grat & Louisbourg &c		3200
Two Companies of ye Train at Hallifax at 40 men in Company		80

They Can Raise abt 1000 Militia at Hallifax & abt 4000 Militia thro the rest of the Province

At Hallifax Robuck a 7p Gun Ship & the Delevance a 28 Gun Ship The Alligiance Capt Phipps a 20 Gun Ship & 2 hulks made out The Pembroke & [ ] of an old 64 & 40 Gun Ship with their guns on board

Statement of William Jones.

In the year 1775 it was moved in the general Court at Watertown to Pay the men that had turned out on alarms as at Bunkerhill fight and other places it was moved Likewise to Pay the men in the County of Lincoln which had turned out on alarms and in Spac[l] mener the Cruze to Ponobscot with Colonel Cargill — it was objected by Majer Sewel of Georgetown agenst Paying that Crous to Penobscot onless all the alarmes on which aney Should be called should Likewise be Payed — I then being Present Set forth the great Distance that meney of the men had to go and the skantnes of Previson which Cased Sum of them to buy Previson and Sum of them Did Suffor much with hunger — and I gave it as my opinon that it was best for the Court to Pay the men weagis and for their board and take the vesals which they then tooke and Convart them to the use of the Stat

this I asart to be the substance of what Pased on that time as I Remember by me William Jones

Bristol May 23th 1780

Order to the Board of War.

State Mass[s] Bay

Council Chamber May, 23 1780

Ordered that the Board of War be & hereby are directed to Supply Col° John Allen with Two hhds Molasses and Two hhds of Rum which will Compleat the quantity of Molasses & Rum said Allen was to be supplied with Agreable to a Resolve of the General Assembly passed the 22 of June last & they are also Directed to Compleat the orders of Court passed in January & March last for furnishing said Col° Allen with Sundry Stores as far as is in their Power

Attest John Avery D Secy

Letter to N. Jones Esqr

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay
Sir

Your Petition has been laid before the Hon'ble Council and Considered and they have directed me to inform you that Liberty is granted for you to Appear before this Board and to answer such Matters as are alledged against you by one Burnham agreeable to your Request

I am Sir Your Humb Servt

Jn° Avery D Secy

Council Chamber Boston May 24^t 1780

To Nathan Jones Esqr at Goldsbury

Letter of Genl Peleg Wadsworth to President of Council.

Head Quarters, Thomaston, 26 May 1780

Sir,

On the 22 Inst: I arrived at this Post from Falm° And when I drawn an Idea of a number of men that have been dropping in by degrees for two Months to the amount of 200, without being reduc'd to order & discipline as they arrived; distributed to Cambden, Thomaston & St Georges; furnished with Camp Utensils designed only for 100 men; a number sent into Camp, & still remain without any arms, & others incomplete; having only ten days provision of meat & not more than two of bread on hand; when I have given this Idea, Your Honor perhaps will have a pretty just notion of our Situation in this Quarter. But as our numbers are small & the river fish are plenty, I am not apprehensive of the Troops starving suddenly, tho' they will be rendered in a great measure useless when provision fails.

Eight whale Boats are arrived, & five others I have account of at Wiscasset damaged, which I have sent for. ¶ I need

not urge for a supply of provision & stores, not doubting but supplies will be sent as soon as possible: But as the Troops fall so vastly short of what was ordered & expected, & as the Term for which the first Detachment was raised draws to a close, I must urge not only that the number at first ordered may be completed; but that it may be augmented to five hundred men at least. ¶ And I would request that the Post might be continued from Falm° & ride as far as this place; for I am persuaded that a more frequent communication with part of the Country would be of great service to the State: And a number of publick papers being distributed to the several Towns to the eastward of Kennebeck, besides softening the minds of people, would give them proper means of Intelligence which at present is not the Case. ¶ Your Favor of the 27 Ult° this day came to hand; the Contents shall be duly observed. ¶ Yesterday came to Cambden a flag from Majabigwaduce, demanding amongst others, John Long to be exchanged as a prisoner of war & a British Subject. This Flag was very Seasonable as it has given full Evidence of the Conduct of several persons, besides Long now prisoners, as spies or Traiters, whose trial is just coming on.

As this Flag was not addressed to the Commanding Officer of the Post here, nor signed on their part but with the simple signature of J. Campbell & H. Mowatt, have tho't proper to detain them for the present. ¶ I have this day a general Court martial sitting for the Tryal of sundry Prisoners, some of which I have been a long time troubled with. To compass results the Court have been obliged to call in some of the Officers of the adjacent militia.

By the Officers of the Flag we are informed that there are several of our Cruisers off Hallifax, that do them great Mischief; that there had been a general Naval Engagement in the West Indies between the French & British Fleets, in

which there was little advantage gained on either side; but both had suffered exceedingly; that Charleston was taken: this last I suppose wants Confirmation. ¶ Last Tuesday one of two whale Boats belonging to the Enemy, which had been watching for my Boat on her return, was taken (by a Sloop on board of which a number of men from Townsend had thrown themselves) & carried into Port there,

After again suggesting the Necessity of an immediate supply of Provisions & men, & musquet Cartridges equally necessary, I do myself the honor to subscribe Your Honor's most obedient & faithful Servant P Wadsworth B G
Honble Jeremiah Powell President of Council.

General Wadsworth to the President of the Council.

Head Quarters Thomaston 27 May

Sir

The Boat mentioned in mine of yesterday to have been taken by a sloop from Townsend previous to her being captured, had taken & sent to Majabigwaduce a fine new Sloop & a Small Schooner, belonging (the Sloop) to Mr Reed, one of the Captors of the Enemys Boat. The Commander of which was one James Rider Mowatt Cap't of the Kings Rangers (so call'd) who finding himself & Crew prisoners, offer'd the Captors to restore the Sloop & Schooner above Mention'd to the former owners, on condition of their being themselves set at Liberty to return to Majabigwaduce

The Captors applied to me for Liberty to make the Exchange. And as the Vessells were of great consequence to the owners who had exerted themselves in Capturing the Boat to encourage such Exertions in future, taking into the Consideration that the Vessels in the hands of the Enemy might be employ'd against us, I consented that on the Vessells being return'd in the same order in which they were taken together with two men belonging to the Schooner & one other;

that Capt Mowatt with his Crew, ten in all, should return his Boat to Majabigwaduce unarm'd, After Capt Reed was gone to Townsend with this Concession; on further Consideration I was much dissatisfied with what I had done — However Mr Mowatt not knowing when he was well used, & having a Mind to drive a Bargain; insisted on having three other prisoners (than his own Crew & which three I do not allow to be prisoners of War) to be released into the Bargain. Thus finding myself free from the Concession I had made, I decline any sort of exchange of the Kind; not being clear of the Propriety of exchanging prisoners for Property, I have referred Capt Reed to your honour for an order on the matter & heartily wish that the Captors may have every Indulgence that is due for their vigorous exertions & Firmness in the American Cause. In the mean time have given Orders for the prisoners to be taken to Falmouth for Confinement & the Officer to be Admitted to his Parole in some suitable place and am Sir

Your most obedient & very humble servant

Peleg Wadsworth B G

J. Allan to President of Council.

Indian Eastern Department Passamaquody

May 28th 1780

Sir. ¶ I have to Acquaint the Hono^{ble} Board That I Arrived here the 23rd Instant in Consiquence of the Movements Amoung the Indians Occation'd by the Invitation of the Enemy & the Reports Propagated Amoung them to the disadvantage of the States —

I have had Several Conferences with Them during the Time — do not find them as Usual, Tho I have preval'd with Most to Continue some Time Longer, till further News from the Westward —

The Enemy have Recievd Large Supplys on St Johns, A Fort is Erected — about Seventy Miles up the River, where a Truck House is fixd, several Other persons Under Government Scattered up & down for the purpose of Supplying Them — Mr Franklin & the Priest is Expected every hour. The Latter to Continue at the Fort up the River —

The day After my Arrival, three Indians, Express from Penobscut — Arrived with Strings of Wampum, to the several Tribes Eastward with Inteligence That 50 Irroquose where thro in the Winter, & Desired the Eastern Indians to give a final Answer of thier Determination — In the Evening Express from St Johns from the Mick macs & Others on St Johns, where Numbers were Collecting for the Grand Conference on that Account, & to Meet the Priest & Franklin — No doubt the Britons is at the head of this, to Create confusion Among the Indians The Great Advantage the Britons has by the Priest & the Large & Good Supplys puts me in the Greatest difficulty how to Act — Add to this I have not Any Instructions or Advice what is to be done with the Indians from the Westward

Mr Parker who had a Quantity of the Meat for the Indians is Taken & Convey'd into Majabagaduce, we have not one Morsal of Meat Left, Consequently nothing but Corn & a Little Butter to Use, as we had Meat Last Winter — There is Ten Bushels of Corn a day Used amoung the Indians while this difficulty is Keept up — & for want of Meat, we are Growing Short — No provisions arrived for Any white person — As to the Goods they Merely Scoff at it, as the British Goods is so Superiour — there Furrs are selling everywhere, particularly Beaver, which they Sell at St Johns, Other Furrs to American Fishermen who keeps Rum for the purpose, and my Indigent Situation having but Six persons, prevents my Apprehending & pursuing Such to Justice —

Indeed the Imposition of the American Traders are such That it much discourages the Indians — The Britons Dealing much farer and on More Hono^ble^ Terms, which is Supported By the British Government & Must say from the Appearence of Things, that Those who may Continue must be Actuated from such principles of Virtue Rearly to be found at this day —

To Satisfy the Indians a little I have wrote Mr Burk the Priest requesting him to Come here, have pledged my Honour, he shall not be Molested By American or French on Condition he does not Interfere in Politicks, Till I have further Orders, when he shall be Convey'd Safe Back to St Johns — I should be Glad to have Advice Upon this —

Two Expresses setts off Tomorrow from the Penobscut and St Johns for the Bussiness before Mentioned — I Cannot say what will be the Consiquence

my best Endeavours shall not be wanting, to pursue Measuers to fulfill the Intentions of Government, to Secure the Interest of the Indians & this part of the Country

I have the Honour to be with all possible Respect Sir your Most Obedient & very hum^b^ Servent J Allan

The Honble Jer. Powell Esq: Presi^t^ &c

In Council June 19^t^ 1780

Read & Sent down with several papers Accompanying the Same John Avery D Secy

Petition of Alex Campbell.

To the Honorable Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Boston May 29 1780

The Petition of Alex: Campbell Humbly Sheweth —

that your Petitioner Contracting with Mes^r^ Williams and Vincent, for a Vessel to Carrey Provision to Machias, for the use of the Troops in that Department, Expecting said Pro-

vision was Ridey — But am Inform By Mr Richinson Continential Commissary, that he has no more on hand than about one Hundred (Berels Evry kind included) which we have taken on bord, and not withstanding there is a Plenty of Provision All Ridey But a small Distance, in the Country I am inform by the Quarter Master Generl that it is out of his Power to Procure Teems to Transport said Provision in to Town for Want of Mony To pay them — in Consequence of Which your Petitioner will be under a Very Great inconveinence as he has not only Engagd to pay the fraight of said goods on Bord on the Delivery, But also Oblagated hisself to furnish said Williams & Vincent with a certain Number of Barels According to the Schedule, from said Commissary of the Quantity of Provision he Proposd to send to that Department and which is by no means compleated. But makes no Doubt he Expected into Town Before this time: Wherefore as only a small matter of Provision has been sent to Machias, and that Princiably for the Indians, and No Doubt General Wadsworth has sent the Troops Forward Desteind for that Quarter, and a good Vessel, well Furnish with Light Sail, Ridey to Take Said Provision on bord.

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly prays your Honours may Take the matter under your Wise Consideration and Grant that Colo Chase may be suplyd with a sufficient Sum of mony to pay the charge of Carting Said Provision into Town or otherwise as you in your known wisdom may think Best and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Pray &c

A Campbell

Agent of Colo Allan Eastern Department

In Council May 30th 1780

Read & Ordered — That a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £3663 — in favr of Colo Thomas Chase D. Q. Mr. G to enable him to pay the Charges for transportation of

Provisions from the Towns of Westborough & Sherburn to Boston for the Troops destined for the Defence of Machias said Chase to be acc^ble^ for the same & to replace the same into the Treasury as soon as possible.

Jno Avery D Secy

John Tynans Petition.

State of Mass^a^ Bay To the Honble the Council & Honble House of Represen^ts^ of the said State in Gener^l^ Court Assembled May 31 1780

John Tynan of York in the County of York Humbly Prays that as he was Wounded in the late Expedition to Penobscot by having a Musk^t^ Ball pass thro' the Trunk of his Body by which his Lungs are much hurt and he still remaining in An infirm State and unable to Labour This Honble Court to take his Unhappy circumstances under consider^a^ and grant him such allowance for and towards his Support as they in their Wisdom shall see meet and he as in duty bound shall ever pray

John × Tynan

This Certifies that the above Named John Tinnegs Case is Justly Represented

John Swett Chrgeon

Resolve Staying the Judgment Mentioned in the Petition of James Cargill.

To the Honble the Council & the Honble House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled;—May it Please your Honors, The Petition of the subscribers, Inhabitants, in the County of Lincoln—Humbly Sheweth.—

That we have well known James Cargill of Newcastle Esqr: for six years last past, and are fully Convinced of his being firmly Attach'd to the cause of America (in the first Opposition made to British Tyranny,— so early as 1775 his vigorous exertions in the glorious Cause of Freedom, influenced the Officers of the Regiment to choose him their Colonel,— That, his readiness, Alacrity and past services in Opposing the Enemy, in every attempt, on the Eastern Coast, renders him a proper Object of your Honors Attention, and our Supplication in his behalf — We therefore humbly beg leave to represent to your Honor, That James Cargill Esqr with a party of men under his Command in July 1775, captured a Number of Vessels at Penobscott (then supplying) the Enemy at Boston) which we apprehend had a great tendency to destroy the Enemys Influence and underhand Practices in that Quarter. That the Vessels so captur'd were try'd in the maritime Court for the Eastern District agreable to the Laws of this State, and were Condemned, & sold in conformity to the said Laws, and were warranted by the s^{d} James Cargill. That sometime in the year 1776 The General Court granted a Rehearing to Stephen Hall & Peleg Crooker, owners of one of the s^{d} Vessells, whereby the s^{d} James was again unexpectedly brought into the Law, and upwards of two years after, Viz^{t} in July 1778. for want of Evidence by means of the war, he lost the Cause, and restoration of the Vessel was order'd & made to the former owners, notwithstand the said Vessell had been sold & warranted through many hands, suits have been commenced from one Party to another untill it has now reverted back to the said James and a sum of Money amounting to Thirteen thousand, One hundred and forty six pounds, fourteen shillings is awarded to be paid by the said James Cargill to John Langdon & Ebenezer Whittier as Damages for selling them

the said Vessells — As the Action was refer'd to the Determination of three Gentlemen of Understanding in such matters, and for other reasons. We apprehend the Award to be just. At the same time be beg leave to represent to your Honors that we conceive that the said James is an object of your Honors compassion and will be greatly distressed unless he meets with relief and assistance from your Honors — And further should the said James be Obliged to pay the sum afores^{d} it would reduce himself and an Innocent Family to distress and want. We therefore humbly Pray your Honors would Afford such Reliefe as your Honors in your great Wisdom shall think fit and as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c

Willm Lithgow	Roland Cushing	W^{m} McCobb
Ja^{s} McCobb	Ezekiel Pattee	James Harriden
Josiah Brewer	James Howard	Dum^{r} Sewall
Saml Ford	Joseph North	
Thurston Whiting	Thos Rice	

State Massachusetts Bay in House Representatives

June 1780

The Committee on the Petition of James Cargill having attended that Servis and are of Opinion that by Means of the Interposition of the General Court in the year 1776 after a Legal Tryal Condemnation & Sail of the Vessell Mentioned in the Petition that if the s^{d} James Cargill be holden to Pay the Judgment of the Inferior Court hear with Exhibited he will be Ruin'd Not withstanding his former Good Services) therefore your Committee ask Leave to report by way of Resolve —

State of Massachusetts Bay in hous of Representatives

June 1780

Resolved that there be Paid to James Cargill out of the Treasury of this State the Sum of

Incorporation Act for Cox Hall.

An Act For Repealing A Law of this State made and Passed in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Eight, Intitled an act for the incorporating The Plantation Called Cox Hall, in the County of York, into a Town by the Name of Cox Hall — And for Incorporating The Said Town by the Same Name, By diferent Boundaries.

Whereas, Some of the Boundaries & lines Set forth in Said Act were not Explicit, and appear to Interfere with the Limmets of the Town of Sanford.

Be it Therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the Same, that all and Every Part of Said act be and hereby is Repeal'd and shall be hereafter held and taken to be Null and Void, and of no Effect whatever.—

And be it Further enacted By the authority afforesaid That Said Plantation Bounded as follows Viz:— Beginning on the Western Side of Mousom River at a Pitchpine Stump on the Edge of the Bank of Said River and on the head line of Wells, From thence to Run North Easterly on the head line of Wells, & aurondell Six miles. Viz. untill it comes within four miles of Saco River, to an Oak Island So called, Thence from Said arundel line on a Northwesterly Course Continuing at the distance of four miles from Said Saco River and Parrellel thereto, Back into the Country Six miles and one hundred and Twenty Rods, from thence to a Hemlock Tree Marked on four sides about forty Rods to the Northward of a Pond, Called Swan Pond — from thence a Cross Said Pond, Excluding about two thirds thereof, on a South West Course untill it Comes to the line, on the North East Side, of the Town of Sanford, and from thence South Easterly on a Strait line, to the Bounds and Pine Stump by said Mousom River, first Mention'd. Which Bounds will

include about five thousand Acres of Land which was included in the Eight miles square incorporated into a Town by the Name of Sanford. Be and hereby is erected into a Town by the Name of Coxhall and the Inhabitants are hereby invested with all the Powers Privilidges and Immunities which the Inhabitants of other Towns within this State do or may enjoy — — — —

And be it further enacted That Benjamin Chadbourn Esqr be and he hereby is impowered to Issue his warrant to some principal Inhabitant of said Plantation Requiring him to call a Meeting of Said Inhabitants, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs, in order to Chuse Such Officers as by Law Towns are Impower'd to Chuse in the Month of March annually

Resolve directing Lieu^t William Alby to reenlist 33 Men.

To the Honorable the Council & the House of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston June 1, 1780

The Petition of Alexander Campbell in behalf of Col° Allan Commanding officer at Machias Humbly Sheweth

that your Petitioner Observing the Late Resolves, Respecting that Department, could not Perceive any Provision made by your Honors concerning the Artillary Company of that Garison—I beg Leave to observe that By an Act of the general Assembly of this State in May 1778 Lieut William Allbee was Appointed to the Command of a Company of Artillary, consisting of thirty three men the greater part of which their Times were Expired the Last fall, and the Remainder the first of this Instant June — wherefore as Lieut Allbee, still Continues in Service; and no Orders from your Honours for a New Inlistment, altho there is no Doubt Mr Allbee has it in his Power To inlist, the greater part of the Same Men. With your Honours Orders & Encouragement, & as I am sensable it is Col° Allan Desire said officers and

men might be continued, on acct of the Cannon and Artillary Stores in that garison —

Wherefore your Petitioner Humbly Prays your Honours may Take the Matter under your wise Consideration — and Direct that the said Lieut Allbee, may have orders to fill up his said Company, on such Establishment as your Honours may Please to order as there apears a necessity Such a Company Should Be Continued in the Garison or otherwise as your Honours in your Known Wisdom may think Best

And your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Pray &c

Alex Campbell, Agent

For Col° Allan Eastern Department

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 5, 1780

On the Petition of Col° Alexander Campbell praying he may be Supplyed with a number of Such Arms Bayonets & Cartridges for the defence of a Vessell Conveying Provisions to ye forts at Machias — Resolved that the Board of War be & they herebye are directed, to Deliver s^d Col° Alexd^r Campbell, fifteen Small Arms with Bayonets & three hundred pounds of Cartridges taking his receipt to Return the Small Arms & Bayonets & what Cartridges are not expended to the Board of War, & be accountable to them therefor

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^r

In Council June 6th 1780

Read & Concurred J^no Avery D Sec'y.

Consented to: —

Jer: Powell	B Austin	Stephen Choate
J Fisher	A Fuller	Jno Pitts
D Davis	Aaron Niles	Jno Cutts
B. White	R T Paine	E Cutts
Moses Gill	J Simpson	E. Brooks
T. Danielson	J Niles	

James Avery to Prest. of Council.

Indian Eastern Department Machias June 4th 1780

Sir, ¶ By the Direction of Colo. Allan, I have the Honor to Acquaint the Hon'ble Board, that I Arrived from the Indian Encampment at Passemequody last Evening, where I left him pursuing every measure in his Power to Retain the Indians in the American Interest & prevent their Going to St Johns,— he has prevailed on them to Continue for the present, but if Troops & More Stores does not Arrive soon, they will not Stay.

On the 1st Inst Two British Arm'd Schooners Arrived at Passamequody. One of which was the Buckram of 8 Guns Capt Allderdice Commander, the other an Arm'd Transport of 6 Guns,— Colo Allan Called a Council of the Indians & Requested that none of them to go on board, which they promised they would not,— however Pier Tomma the Chief of St Johns (allways Considered a Tory) and Loui Neptane of Penobscot (called Colo. Loui) the pretended Chief of Passamequody went on board & Received Several Preasents, — Capt Allderdice informed that Mr Franklin & Mr Burk arrived at St Johns the 30th May, with Large Supplys, and Desired a Conference with them.— this put all the Indians on the *Stur the Enemy making them such large Offers & Colo Allan nothing to give them, nor no Troops, they seem Tyred of the Service & it will be very difficult to keep them.

Colo. Allan finds it will be impossible to keep the Indians Except he has immediately at least 50 Men and More Supplys procured — Had he a had but 30 Men with him at Passamaquody, all the Indians wou'd have Chearfully Turned out, and wou'd have been of the Utmost Service in Harrassing the Enemy at St Johns,— None of the Troops ordered for this place has yet arrived, nor Can Colo Allan get the least Intelligence respecting them.— There is here 4 Deserters

from the Buckram sence her being at Passemequody, three more Came away that has not Arrived, Two of them bro't of the Buckram Berge.—

The Stores are mostly gone, there is now in the Store about 140 Bus^{l} Corn & 1000 ^{w} Butter,—not one Ounce of meat for Troops or the Indians—the Dry Goods are mostly Distributed among the latter,—

I inclose a Copy of a letter which Colo. Allan sent of by Express some days ago, for fear the Original shou'd not Arrive I have the Honor to be with the Greatest Respect

Your Honors most Ob^{t} Hb^{le} Servt

Ja^{s} Avery Sec^{y} to Ind^{n} E. D

The Honble Jer Powell Esqr

In the House of Representatives June 19th 1780

Read & thereupon Order^{d} That Genl Titcomb. Genl Preble & Coll Little with such as the Honble Board shall join, be a Committee to consider the same & report what is proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 20^{t}, 1780

Read & Concurred & Eleazer Brooks and Thomas Durfee Esq^{rs} are joined

John Avery D Secy

Resolve on Petition of Col. Campbell.

In the House of Representatives June the 5 1780

on the Petition of Col^{o} Alexander Campbell Agent for Col^{o} Allen Command^{g} officer at Machias, shewing that the Time of Service for which the Artilary Comp^{y}, There Under the Command of Lieu^{t} John Allbe Consisting of Thirty Three Men, engaged Expired the first Day of June instant

& pray^{g} that the s^{d} Lieut Albee may be ordered to fill up the s^{d} Comp^{y} in such Establishment as this Court shall ord

Resolved that the s^{d} Lieu^{t} John Allbe be & he hereby is directed as soon as Possable to Reinlist Thirty Three men officers Included to Compleat his said Artilary Comp^{y} at Machias, to Serve untill ye first Day of June next unless sooner discharged and to be upon the Continental Establishment as they have heretofore Been Togather With a Bounty of One Hundred & fifty Dollars to each Non Commissioned Officer and Private — to be charged to the United States

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 5, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	D. Davis	Sam Niles
J Fisher	A Fuller	Jno Pitts
Moses Gill	T. Danielson	E. Cutts
B White	J Simpson	E. Brooks
B. Austin	R. T. Paine	Stephen Choate

Resolve directing the Board of War.

To the Honorable Council & house of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay — Boston June 5th 1780 —

the Petition of Alex Campbell Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner has Now under his Care a Quantity of Provision on Board the Schooner Unity, own'd By Messrs William & Vincent of this Town — Said Provision being Ship^{d} By Mr Richison Continnantiel Commissary — and also some Rum and molasses Ship^{d} By the Honorable Bord of War, the whole for the use of the Troops & Indians at the Department of Machias under the Command of Col^{o} John Allan — and as it

Cannot be supos'd the Risque is very inconsiderable on the Coast to Machias on Acct of the Enemy; the Provision is much wanted in the Department, and no Prospect at Present of a Convoy; wherefore your Petitioner Humbly Prays your Honour may take the matter under your wise consideration, and Grant that he may be Suply[d] with fifteen Small Arms with Bayonets and fourty Rounds of Cartrages Each, that the Passengers and others on Bord Said Vessel may be Enabled to Defend Said Provision, and prevent Boats from Bording said Vessel By which means the Enemy have Taken Several Vessels Very Lately,—or Otherwise Please to Derect your Petitioner as you in your known Wisdom may think Best & as in Duty Bound Shall pray,

Alex: Campbell Agent
For Col° Allan

Petition of Lieut W[m] Albee for a Grant of £1485.

To the Honorable the Council & house of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay, Boston June 6th 1780 —

The Petition of William Allbee Humbly Sheweth

That your Honours, in your Resolve of the fifth instant, was pleas'd to order that your Petitioner should Enlist and fill up a Company of Artillary, Consisting of thirty three men, officers included on the continnantial Establishment, to serve in the Department of Machias, under the Command of Col° John Allan, and that a Bounty of one Hundred and fifty Dollars should be paid to each non commission'd officer and Privet Soldier so Enlisted — I Beg Leave to observe to your Honnour, that it will be out of your Petitioners Power to Enlist & fill up Said Company unless he can have the money to pay the said Bountys on their Enlistment — Wherefore your Petitioner Prays your Honour, to Supply

him with a sufficient Sum of money To pay Said Bountys, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall Pray.

Wm Albee

Agreement in Suit John Langdon & al. vs. James Cargill.

Lincoln ss At an Inferior Court of common Pleas held at Pownalborough, within and for the County of Lincoln, on the first Tuesday of June, being the 6th Day of said Month, A. D. 1780

John Langdon & al. vs James Cargill

The Parties agree to refer this Action and all Demands respecting the Vessel mentioned in the Writ, to the Determination of Charles Cushing, Nathaniel Thwing & Jonathan Bowman Esqrs; the Report of whom, or any two of whom to be made this Term, before the Jury are discharged; and Judgmt thereon to be final

Att Jona Bowman Cler.

Report Referees in Above Suit.

Lincoln Ss. Anno Republica Americana Quarto

At an Inferior Court of common Pleas held at Pownalborough within and for the County of Lincoln on the first Tuesday of June, being the sixth day of said Month A. D. 1780.—

Ebenezer Whittier & John Langdon Junr both of Pownalborough aforesaid, Yeomen, plts v. James Cargill of Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln, Gentlemen, Deft., in a Plea of Covenant-broken; for that the said James, by the Name of James Cargill of Newcastle in the County of Lincoln, Esqr, at said Pownalborough, on the twentieth day of Septemr in the Year of our Lord Christ, seventeen hun-

dred and seventy six, by his Covenant of that Date under his Hand and Seal made and executed, and in Court to be produced, for and in Consideration of the Sum of two hundred and fifty Pounds, thirteen Shillings & four pence to him the said James paid by the said Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon, did grant bargain and sell unto the said John & Ebenezer the whole of the Hull of a certain Sloop called the Nancy of the Burthen of Eighty Tons, with all & every Part of the Tackle, Sails, Masts, Anchors, Masts, Ropes, Cords & Furniture to her belonging; and then and there did covenant with the said Ebenezer and John, that he the said James at the Time of Sealing & delivering said Covenant, had full power and good Right to grant, bargain and sell the whole of the said Sloop Nancey, with all her Appurtenances and that the said Sloop should at all Times continue and remain to the said Ebenezer & John and their Assigns and that he the said James would for ever indemnify & keep harmless the said Ebenezer and John & their Assigns from all manner of former Gifts, Grants, Bargains & Incumbrances whatsoever had, made, committed, done or suffered by him the said James or any other Person or Persons, claiming Right or Property in the said Sloop Nancy.

And now the plts aver that the said James, at the Time of making the Covenant aforesaid, had not good Right to sell the said Sloop Nancy and her Appurtenances to the plts; the same being the Property of one Stephen Hall and Peleg Crooker, at the Time of making the Covenant aforesaid, and that the said James hath not indemnified and kept harmless the plts and, their Assigns, and hath not kept but broken his Covenant aforesaid. To the Damage of the said Ebenezer Whittier & John Langdon, as they say, the sum of ten thousand pounds.— This Case was commenced last Term, and from thence was continued to this — And at this Term the Parties agree to refer this Action and all Demands respecting

the Vessel mentioned in the Writ to the Determination of Charles Cushing, Nathaniel Thwing and Jonathan Bowman, Esq^{rs}, the Report of whom, or any two of whom, to be made this Term, before the Jury are discharged; and Judgm^{t} thereon to be final, who accordingly made Report in the following Words, to wit, "Pursuant to the above Rule we have fully heard the Parties and all their Demands respecting the Vessel aforesaid, and have fully considered the Evidence laid before us, and do award, order and determine, That the said John Langdon and Ebenezer Whittier recover against the said James Cargill the Sum of Thirteen Thousand one hundred and twenty three Pounds, eighteen Shillings Damage and Costs of Court," which being read was accepted by the Court, and pursuant thereto, It is considered by the Court, That the Plts recover against the Deft. the Sum of Thirteen Thousand one hundred and twenty three pounds, Eighteen shillings Damage & Costs. Costs taxed at £22 .. 16 —

A true Coppy as appears of Record
Examin'd by
Jon^{a} Bowman

Resolve in Favor Lieut. Albee.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 7th 1780

On the Petition of Lieut Allbee praying that he may be furnished with money to pay the Bountys of thirty three Men which he is directed to raise by a Resolve of this Court pass'd the 5th Instant —

Resolved, that there be paid out of the publick Treasury of this State to Lieut: William Albee the sum of fourteen

hundred and eighty five Pounds to enable him to pay the Bountys aforesaid he to be accountable for the same —

Sent up for Concurrence

Nath Gorham Speaker Pro Temp.

In Council June 7th 1780

Read & Concurred Warrant drawn this day

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jere Powell	B Austin	J Simpson
T Cushing	D. Davis	Jno Pitts
R T Paine	T. Danielson	E Brooks
J Fisher	A Fuller	E. Cutts
Moses Gill	H Gardner	Stephen Choate

Peleg Wadsworth to Prest. Council.

Head Quarters Thomaston 8th June 1780

Sir

In mine of the 26th Ult I acquainted your honour with our Scituation here & our Scantiness of Provision & Ammunition &c

On the 4th Inst: not hearing of any Supplies on the Passage I dispatch'd an Order to Falmouth for a temporary Supply to be sent from thence; Since which having receiv'd Inteligence of the Arival of a Quantity of Provisions in Kennebeck River, I have sent five whale Boats as a Convoy to this Place. But Ammunition & Camp Utencils will still be wanting.

The Enemy being some what anoy'd of late by my whale Boats, which are kept cruising upon them, have hawld the Albany (the only Ship now left at Bagaduce) on Shore. Her men are employ'd in several Small arm'd Schooners & heavy Boats to counteract my light Boats; & they will but too well answer their Purpose unless Vessells of equal or

Superior force are oppos'd to them — Two or three small Cruisers touching into the Sound & cruising for two or three weeks (unless something capital is undertaken) might answer a valuable purpose. The Enemy have nothing heavier at present than a Sloop of Six or eight Guns.

Report says that Hallifax is closely blockt up. The Detachment of Men in this Quarter consists of 1 Major. 6 Capts. 7 Sub^{r} 17 Serg^{ts} 5 Drums & Fifers & 196 Rank & File one Company of which consisting of 49 men are discharg'd next Week, after which it will not be in my Power to send forward the Detachment for Machias which Col^{l} Allan is strongly urging for. Last Sunday Night two Villains capitally Sentenced by a Courtmartial made their Escape from the Guard here.

Whilst I am writing Capt Prebble with two Indians is arrived express from Machias for Men & Provisions — have concluded to send forward to Col^{l} Allan two Whale Boats with 24 Men & two Barrells (borrow'd) Beef, immediately.

I hope the Expectation of the State with regard to my Services here, will be regulated by the Men & Tools I have to work with. I have the Honour to be Sir your most obedient humble Servt

Peleg Wadsworth B Genl

Honble President of Council

P. S. Mr Nathl Fales the Bearer of this, informing me of his Intention for Boston on Business has done me the Favour to forward my Letters but does not come as an Express.

Wadsworth B G

Report of Jno Frost.

To the Hono^{ble} The Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay may it please your Honours

Agreable to a Resolve of the General Court last march 15th

1780 whereby I was Directed to Detach from the Brigade under my Command Two hundred and Sixty men and form them into four Companies In order to march to Falmouth In Casco Bay the men are Raised and formed into four Comp^{s} and marched to said Falmouth under the Command of Col^{o} Joseph Prime

I have the Hon^{r} to be your Hon^{rs}
most obed^{t} Humb^{l} Servt
Jno Frost

In Council June 8th 1780

Order of Council in re Prisoners of War.

State of Mass^{s} Bay

In Council June 9th 1780

Ordered that Joshua Mersereau Esqr D. C. G. of Prisoners be and hereby is directed to send those Prisoners of War who are just arrived from the Eastern Parts of this State Viz: James Rider Mouatt, Captain of the Kings Rangers at Bagaduce, David Mouatt, Frederick Linctonhove, Jacob Young & George Smoull to the Barracks at Rutland, to put the British Sailors on Board the Prison Ship, and to deliver Adam Coggswell an American, formerly from Ipswich, Geo. Cly a Dutchman an Inhabitant of Broad Bay & Jos. Cly his Son, John Pettingall an American born in Kittery in the County of York, & William Whiticher an American — late an Inhabitant of Mount Desert, to Joseph Greenleaf Esqr who is hereby directed to examine them, & to deal with them as to Law & Justice shall appertain & to make return of his doings to this Board; & to enquire particularly of Adam Cogswell a prisoner by what Authority he surprized & Cap-

tured a certain Sloop belonging to Thomas Prichard of Ipswich at or near Winter Harbour

True Copy Attest

John Avery D Secy

In obedience to the within directions I have examined Adam Cogswell Wm Whittaker and Joseph Cly and find by the confession of the s^d^ Adam and William that they have been adherent to the enemies of this & the other United States of America, & have given aid and comfort to them, within this State, & have actually levied war against this State.

I have also examined Joseph Cly, son of the s^d^ George, a lad of about twelve years of age, who appears to have been a mere passenger, who was going to Bagaduce to be put to School there by his Father. I have likewise examined Jacob Young mention'd within, who also, by his own voluntary confession, appears to have been adherent to the enemies aforesaid by giving them aid &^c^ I have therefore committed the said Adam Cogswell, Wm Whittaker & Jacob Young for tryal, and caused Joseph Cly to be delivered to Joshua Mersereau Esqr D. C. G. of prisoners.

Geo. Cly & Jno Pettingal (not being in custody) were not bro^t^ before me — Cogswell saith that he captur'd the Sloop within mention'd by authority derived to him from a commission he rec^d^ from Henry Mowatt to make reprisals of all French, Spanish & American property, which commission he saith he was deprived of when he was taken.

Joseph Greenleaf Justice peace

Suffolk June 10th 1780

The Honourable the Council of the State of Massachuset Bay

Boston June 9 — 1780

I beg leave to inform your, Hon^rs^ that the Expence, of the officer that brought Smoull the Prisoners, by order of Genl Wadsworth ought to be paid, agreeable to the Gen^ls^ request

as the Local Situation of Prisoners, rests with your Honours, beg to know wether they are to proceed to Rutland, under my care, or wether they remain here,—that I may know Wether, I am to pay the officer, or Major Hopkins—I have the Hon^{r} to be With Great Esteem this Honble boards Most Obd^{t} Hum. Servt

Joshua Mersereau D. C. G. of Priss.

Resolve in re County of York.

In the House of Representatives June 9 1780

Whereas it appears upon Examination of the Treasurers Accounts for the County of York that all monies Granted and allowd by the Court of General Sessions of the pease for Said County from April 1779 to April 1780 was for such purposes and appropriations as the Law impower'd Said Court to grant and the Treasurer for s^{d} county to be further accountable for the sum of Two hundred sixty six pounds nine shillings & one penny

Therefore Resolved that the Said Accounts be Allowed

Sent up for Concurrence

Nath Gorham Speaker Pro Temp

In Council June 10th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to—

J Bowdoin	J Fisher	D. Davis
Jer Powell	B. White	Sam Niles
W. Spooner	B. Austin	J. Simpson
R. T. Paine	H. Gardner	A. Fuller
T. Cushing	T. Danielson	E. Brooks

Petition of John Cathcart.

To the Hon. Council & House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of John Cathcart, late Commander of the State Brig Tyrannicide, humbly sheweth, that by the advice of several members of this hon^ble House, your Petitioner exhibited to the Hon Courts Committee an attested Acco^t of the losses he sustained at Penobscott,—nearly one half of which Acco^t the Hon: Committee were pleased to Allow, ——directing your petitioner (on the 2^d of May) to call on Mr White, a Gent: of the Hon: Council for his Money on the 3^d Inst: your petitioner call'd on the above name Gent^n, was informed he had not the Money then, but directed your petitioner to call the next day & he would pay him,—your Petitioner accordingly waited on Mr White, (the 4th Inst:) was informd there was an order of Court of that days date to stop the Payment of all Acco^ts at present. ¶ Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your honors wou'd be so indulgent as to inform your Petitioner (as he is immediately bound to Sea) whether said Acco^t is to be allowed him or not.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

John Cathcart

Boston 9 June 1780

Peleg Wadsworth to Prest. of Council.

Headquarters Thomaston 10 June 1780

Sir I have this day been informed by Lieut Col^l Prime that Capt Rider Mowatt with the Prisoners that were taken with him in a whale Boat & carried into Townsend together with several other Prisoners (& were then sent to Falmouth by my

order for Conveniences of Confinement; quite contrary to my Intention) were Sent on from Falmouth to Boston. I did not intend to have put these prisoners out of my hands for the present (unless the hon^ble^ Council had agreed to the proposal which was intended to have been made by Capt Reed for the recovery of his Vessells:) But as I suppose they have before this time ariv'd at Boston, I would observe that Capt Rider Mowatt refus'd to sign a Parole offer'd him, by which he was restricted, within the Limits of the town of New Gloucester, & ungentlemanlike attempted to make his Escape with four others, on his Journey to Boston, but was afterward retaken on the Isle of Shoals. Perhaps this ought to be a Caution against putting it in his power to attempt another Escape at any rate. Five of the other eleven are not, in Nicety, in the Predicament of Prisoners of War, & as they would be particularly disserviseable to be exchang'd I hope they will be closely retain'd viz:

Inhabitants of
this county.

Adam Cogswell. retaken in a Sloop without Papers. a pirate
Smouse — a Traitor that had made his Escape from my Guard & join'd the Enemy
Young — ditto
Cline — ditto

Inhabitants of this County

Linginhoof is taken in a Schooner without Papers. a pirate
John Fullerton & —— Gammons { Active & inveterate Tories, taken by the Protector in the Sloop Bagaduce; & by
their Acquaintance with these parts have it in their Power to do much Service to the Enemy if exchanged. I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Peleg Wadsworth B Genl

The Honble President of Council

J. Allan to Board of War.

Harbour Sateel Passamaquody June 11, 1780

Sir

I wrote the Honob[le] Board some days Ago, In which I Mentioned of two Expresses being Gone for Penobscot & River S[t] Johns They Are Sence Returnd The former Tribe is to be here in Six days, for the purpoise of Holding a Grand Council on the Invitation from Canada —

Ambroise was on the Embasy to St. Johns he would not have Gone had not a private Affair Obliged him — One of his Relations Killing Piere TomaSon Some time ago. The Inteligence he brings, That Deputys from the Merisheete the Micmaks, Oisho-go-na-ac, Mohawks, Algonlien or Mountainers and S[t] Francis Assembled there when it Appeard, as I first Told the Indians That the Britons where at Bottom of this to bring Confusion Among the Indians, which I hope they are satisfyed, tho not Come to a Conclusion — I Receiv[d] a String of Wampum & Message in Answer to One I sent to the Whole to the General Council the Litteral Translation as follows: In an Assambly of the Tribes before Mentiond at Aukapaqul on St. Johns River

"Brother

"Agreeable to what You Tell us, that the Great God who "sees us & Knoweth Our Hearts & Intentions, may Still Lead "us in Truth we Rec[d] your Message with Joy & thank you "for the Notice you Take of us — we Salute you in Return — ¶"Brother We mett here on bussiness Amoung Ourselves we "have not had Axe or Knife in Our hands yet this way — "The Americans are Our Brothers & in Our present Mind we "mean not to hurt them, But what we shall do, when Our "Council is finished we Cannot now Tell but you shall Im-"mediately Know all." ¶"Brother Our Ears are Open'd "to hear Our Eyes Clear that we Can see — Our Heart Open,

"& we have Observed on the *News of every one — we Trust "God will keep us so & prevent us from falling into the "Snares or Traps Laid to Take us by Any" ¶ "Brother We now Salute you with a Good Heart we Salute the Congress General Washington, all the Chief men, Capt^ns & Young Men, Women & Children of America wishing all Health & Success, that the Good God may Protect you all & keep you" — a String Wampum —

There is Something More, the Message the Indians Assembled at Moreal to the Several Eastern Indians which is Somthing Lengthy — have not Time to prepare it to Send —

I have to Acquaint the Court that there is a Considerable Number of Indians here, a Great Consumption of Provisions Great Number is Expected from Various parts, I Cannot Keep them Together without Supplying them with Provisions & Amunition — was the Troops Arrived I should Act Otherwise — but at present there is no Other Defence for the Country Shoud they withdraw, & the Enemy Make ever So Little Attempt, they must carry it in the present Situation of the Country — I must Again pray that further Supplys of provissions & Some Men may be sent —

At present I am Obliged to follow a different Peice of Bussiness, then is Consistent with my Station — every Leasure Time I go in Boats afishing which is all the Meat Kind, we have to Use Either for Whites or Indians —

I must Sollicite the favour, & press the Execution of it; That a Committee or Some Agents to Settle the Government accounts in this Department may be sent down for the purpose as I shoud be Happy that the Acc^ts may be broght to a Conclusion this Season — I have the Honour To Be with all possible Respect Sir Your Most Obedient very Hum^ble Servt

J. Allan

Deposision of Samuel Harriden Esqr

The Deposision of Samuel Harriden Esqr testifieth and Saith that when the Eastern Country was alarmed by Express that the Enemy was Landed on Long Island in Prospect bay and that a Number of British vessels was there gitting supplies for the Enemy in Boston that I was then Lieu^t Col^o of Col^o McCobbs Regim^t that I on Receiving s^d Express in July 1775 ordered a Large party of s^d Regiment to march to the Releaf of the place and went with them myself on our arival at Sheepscut found that Col^o Cargill had marched a Large Party of his Regiment for the same purpos, on which I dispatched two officers after them to Let him know that we were on the march after them and so continued our march and met s^d officers at Waldoborough who Informed me from Col^o Cargill and his officers that they had more men then they could procure boats for and that the Enemy was alarmed of our Coming and that they Judged that they was sufficient in number to perform any thing in the Power of the Militia to do, and as they were so far a head of us that our Proceeding any further would not answer any valueable purpos on which we Returned Saml Harriden

Lincoln ss, June 11th 1780 —

Then Samuel Harriden made to the above riten by him sign^d before me Dum^r Sewall J Peice

Order Upon Execution vs. James Cargill.

The Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Lincoln Ss.

To the Sheriff of our County of Lincoln his under Sheriff or Deputy Greeting,

Whereas Ebenezer Whittier & John Langdon both of Pownalborough in our County of Lincoln Yeomen, by the

Consideration of our Justice of our inferior Court of Common pleas, holden at Pownalborough within and for our County of Lincoln aforesaid on the first Tuesday of June Instant, recover'd Judgment against James Cargill of Newcastle in our County of Lincoln Gentlemen, for the sum of Thirteen Thousand One hundred and twenty three Pound Eighteen Shillings Lawfull Money, Damages, & Twenty two pounds Sixteen Shillings, & Eight pence Costs of Suit as to us appears of record whereof Execution remains to be done, We command you therefore that of the Goods Chattels or Lands of the s^d James within your Precinct you Cause to be paid, and Satisfied, unto the s^d Ebenezer & John at the value thereof in Money, the afores^d Sums, with four pounds Sixteen Shillings for this Writ, & Thereof also to satisfie yourself for your own fees, and for want of Goods, Chattels, or Land of s^d James to be by him shewn unto you, or found within your precinct to the Acceptance of the s^d John & Ebenezer, to Satisfy the Sums afores^d we command you to take the Body of the s^d James, & him committ unto our Goal in Pownalborough, in our County of Lincoln aforesaid, & detain in your Custody within our said Goal, untill he pay the full Sums above mentioned, with your Fees, or that he be discharged by the s^d Ebenezer & John, the Creditors, or otherwise by order of Law, hereof fail not, and make Return of this Writt, with your doings therein, into the Clerks office, of our s^d Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within three months from the date hereof, Witness —

William Lithgow Esqr

at Pownalborough the Twelfth day of June, Anno Domini 1780 —

Jonathan Bowman Clk.

Lincoln Ss June 26th 1780

by virtue of this Execution, I have taken Six Cows & A Bull as belonging to the within Nam'd James Cargill, in

part to Satisfy this Execution & all fees, & Charges, about the same as far as the same would Extend, & this day sold s^d^ Cows & Bull at a Publick Vendue duely Notified, to the highest bidder, then present who was Mr John Langdon, Cap^n^ Robt Hodge, & Cap^n^ James Little, for the Sum of Three thousand four hundred and Ninety pounds, in the whole to satisfy this Execution & the s^d^ Charges as far as the Same will Extend, which Charges amounted to the Sum of One hundred & Sixty two pounds, being deducted therefrom, this Exec^n^ is Satisfied in part (viz) for the Sum of Three thousand three hundred & twenty Eight Pounds and no more — Then the with Nam'd Creditors on this same day requested me to Levey the Residue of the Sum due on this Execution, upon the Real Estate of the within Nam'd James the debtor, whereupon I caused Christopher Ersken David Sylvister & Timothy Parsons, all of Pownalborough in the s^d^ County, Yeomen all Freeholders in s^d^ County of Lincoln, Indepenent and Discreat Men, the s^d^ Christopher & David being Chosen by me, the s^d^ James the Debtor, being Notified to make Choice of one person, but not appearing to do it, and the said Timothy being Choosen by the Creditor, as duly & Lawfully Appointed to be Sworn, as Appraisors, of real Estate of the said James, the Debtor, to Satisfy this Execution & Charges, a Certificate of which Oath Follows —

Lincoln Ss Newcastle June 28th 1780

then the above named Christopher, David & Timothy, made Oath that they would Faithfully and impartially Appraise and Set out by meets and bounds, such real Estate as should be shewn To them, to Satisfy this Execution with all fees, before me.

Timothy Langdon, Jus^t^ Pacis.

Then, said Appraisers afterwards on the Thirtieth day of June afores^d^ made return Which follows, viz. We the said

Christopher David & Timothy being Appointed and Swarn as afores^{d} proceeded & set out by meets and bounds, the following Pieces of upland & Salt Marsh, Viz, Ten Acres of upland Laying and being in Newcastle, at the upper End of Woobridges Neck so called, bounded Easterly on the Head of Samuel Kennedy, Creek, Northerly on the County Road, & burying Yard, extending Westerly near unto the Cove above Sheepscot Falls, and Extending down the Neck Southwardly, at an equal width at each End, until the Ten Acres be compleated — Ninety Nine Acres of the Homestead farm bounded, as Follows, beginning three pole from the Centre of the House the s^{d} James now lives in on s^{d} Land, to the North East of s^{d} House, and runs West to Cargills Cove so called, thence up said Cove, until it meets Samuel Kennedys Land, and So North Easterly by s^{d} Kennedy's Land, and County Road on the North East, South Easterly by a Town Road, on the south West on Land belonging to the Heirs of Jno Hodge, Southwest on a Branch of Sheepscott River, Northerly on Cargills Creek afores^{d} until it comes where Six Rods End, from the Line that Runs from the three Rods, to the North East of s^{d} House, on the North Line that meets the Cove afores^{d} from thence East Twenty Six Rods, thence North Six Rods, thence West to meet the first Mentioned bound, Also the Island Known by the Name of Cargills Island, Containing About ninety three Acres of Upland, and Seventeen Acres of Salt Marsh, bounded as follows, West & North West on Woodbridges Narrows, North East and South East on a branch of Sheepscott River Afores^{d} Southwesterly by a Creek and Ditch in the Marsh, Also Six Acres of Marsh At the head of the reach, on s^{d} branch of Sheepscott River, North Easterly on said Branch, Southwesterly on Peter Patterson's Creek, Northwest On Land belonging or in possession of Robert Cockran Junr Also about Seven Acres of

Marsh at the head of Kennedys Marsh, so called bounded South West on Marsh belonging to Henry Hodge, West on Upland, East on the Main Creek North East on Marsh belonging to the Widow Allen. Also about Eighteen Acres of Marsh laying in Kennedys Marsh aforesaid, bounded South on Marsh belonging to Widow Allen, East on the main Creek West on the Upland North on Marsh belonging to Henry Hodge, Also, About Nine Acres of Salt Marsh and Two hundred & fifty Acres of Upland, bounded as follows, West on Pattersons Creek and Land, Northerly on Cramwells Reach, East on the mouth of Allens Marsh & Cove, until you come near to a Large round Rock at the Edge of the Upland, and so extending Southwesterly, taking in all the Upland untill Two hundred & fifty nine Acres of Upland and Marsh be Compleated, Excepting two made pieces of Marsh Laying on Crumwells Reach belonging one to Robert Hodge Junr the other piece Belonging to persons Unknown, Of all which pieces and Parcels of Land, the said James is a tennant in Common with Others to the s^d^ Appraisers unknown, Viz, the s^d^ James of one undivided fifth part, of every piece and parcel of the Land Aforesaid, which undivided fifth part, of every piece and Parcel of the Land aforesaid, held in Common, we Appraise at the Sum of Ten Thousand, Seven hundred and Thirty one pound fifteen, Shillings, & Eight pence to Satisfy this Execution and all fees, in Witness whereof we have hitherto Set our hand this Thirtieth Day of June A. D. 1780 —

Christopher Erskin
David Sylvester
Timothy Parsons

And afterward on the first Day of July 1780 I deliver'd possession & Seizen of one Undivided fifth part, of each of the Above described Pieces of Land, in full Satisfaction of

this Execution and all fees thereupon arisen the fee of Levying this Execution & Aprisal & All Charges being Nine hundred and Eight pounds five shillings which possession, and Seizen I then deliver'd to the said Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon, the Creditors, and therefore return this Execution fully Satisfied,

July the first we then Received said Possession & Seizen of said Lands in full Satisfaction, hereof of the said David Murray deputy Sheriff

John Langdon
Ebenezer Whittier

A true Copy of the Governments
Execution to me directed

David Murray Dep^ty Sheriff

Order for 2 Whale Boats.

Boston June 13, 1780

Gentlemen

Please to dlr Waterman Thomas Esq. A D Q M G two Whale Boats for the use of the Post at Camden, for the use of the Continental Army, and You will Oblige

Your Obedient Sv^t
Thos Chase
D Q M G

The Hon Board of War
Received the above Boats with Six Oars

p^r Waterman Thomas
A Q M G.

Joseph Sewall Appointed to Receive Clothing.

In the House of Representatives June 14 1780

The House by ballot, made choice of Mr. Joseph Sewall, as an Agent to receive Cloathing in the County of York, in

the room of the Honble Edward Cutt Esq. who is excused from that Service

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 14, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y.

Resolve impowering the Treasurer.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 14th 1780

Whereas some delays have Taken place in the Settlement with this States Quota of the Continental Army by Reason of the Notes to be given for their respective Ballances not being ready when wanted — Therefore — Resolved that the Treasurer of this State be & he hereby is Impowered & directed to Employ one or More Persons in addition to those already Employed in Strikeing off Said Notes or Take Such other Measures as will Effectually prevent any delay hereafter

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 14: 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy.

Consented to

Jere Powell	B Austin	Saml Niles
T Cushing	A Wood	A. Fuller
W Spooner	Thos Durfee	J. Stone
J Fisher	N. Cushing	T. Danielson
B White	R. T. Paine	S. Choate

Resolve laying an Embargo on all Vessels.

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives June 14th 1780

Whereas the present Crisis is pregnant with the most important Events to the Country and a Vigorous & immediate attention to the Requisition of the Committee of Congress and Gen[l] Washington for filling up the Continental Army and forwarding Suplyes Will probably produce the most happy Effects and as the Necessary Measures for that End will be greatly embarrassed unless as Many effective Men as are in the State be retained in it and for this End an immediate Embargo is unavoidable. Therefore Resolved that from & after the Fifteenth day of June Instant no Ship or Vessel other than Coasting and Fishing Vessels be permitted to Sail from any port or Harbour in the County of Suffolk. Nor after the Sixteenth day of the same June from any port or Harbour in the County of Essex Plimouth or Barnstable Nor after the Eighteenth day of the same June from any other port or Harbour in this State, until the further order of the Gen[l] Court or the Councill in the Recess thereof — and the Several Naval officers and Commanders of Forts in this State are directed to take Notice hereof & govern themselves accordingly — and it is further Resolved that if any Ship or Vessel Shall Sail out of any port or Harbour in this State Contrary to this Resolve — one fourth part thereof Togeather with the Cargo on Board the same shall be forfeit to the use of any Person who shall Prosecute in the Maritime Court for the same ¶ and whereas it may so happen that some vessels may be in peculiar Circumstances, and it may be necessary that permits be given for their Sailing notwithstanding this embargo therefore be it further Resolved that the Hon[ble] Councill are hereby impowered to grant permits for any vessel to Sail and order the Navil officer for the port

from whence such Vessel is to sail to Cleare her out where they shall Judge the Circumstances of the Case absolutely require it — and it is further Resolved that the Secretary of this State is hereby Directed to furnish the several Navil officers in this State in the most Expeditious Maner Posible With a Coppy of the foregoing Resolutions

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council June 15th 1780

Read & Concurred John Avery D Sec'y.

Consented to —

Jer. Powell	H. Gardner	J Simpson
W Spooner	J Stone	Aaron Wood
T Cushing	N Cushing	Tho[s] Durfee
J Fisher	T. Danielson	S. Choate
B White	A. Fuller	
B. Austin	Sam Niles	

Petition of Joseph Reed.

To the Honorable the Council & the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Joseph Reed of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln Humbly sheweth

That on the 22[d] Ult. the sloop Ranger, of ninety tons, as good as new, the property of your Petitioner, alone, sailed from Townsend Harbor in said town; & before she had got out of the sound fell into the hands of a party of the British forces stationed at Penobscut commanded by James Rider Mowatt a Cap[t] of the King's Rangers, so called.

That your Petitioner, with a few of his neighbours then ashore, embarked in a sloop at anchor in the harbour & gave chase to the said enemies: & on the 23[d] took the armed boat

in which was the said Mowatt & nine others: & brot them from Penobscut bay into the harbour of Townsend aforesaid.

That soon after this Capture was made, the said Mowatt, as Commander of the party, made offer to restore the said sloop, in the same order in which she was taken, together with a new schooner of 25 tons, taken by him the foregoing day; on condition that he with the other prisoners, should be set at liberty, & consented to remain with us as an hostage until the s^d^ vessels were delivered.

That your Petitioner, with the Company, unwilling to do any thing that might be an injury to the public, whatever advantage might be thence derived to themselves, thought it not proper to enter into any negociation on the matter, till first they had consulted General Wadsworth & obtained his consent.

With these principles your petitioner made a journey to St Georges, & very readily obtained the General's approbation of the exchange; but on his return to Townsend therewith, he found Mowatt disposed to quibble & evasion; which induced him to suspend a conclusion of the treaty until he had again waited on & consulted with the General; but when the General manifested some regrett at the concessions formerly made, your Petitioner freely relinquished all thoughts of availing himself of them, & chearfully delivered up one of the said prisoners to himself, & the rest to an officer whom he appointed to receive them.

In consequence of which your Petitioner has, on the public behalf, lost a valuable interest which he could easily have saved had he been less attentive to the good of the community than to his own; in this however he was encouraged by the General's confidence that the Honorable Court would not be insensible of the importance of the acquisition thereby secured to the United States; & he would be readily prompted

by their own innate principles of Honor & Justice, not to suffer the exertions that obtained it to pass unrewarded & therefore that your Petitioner would find no difficulty in obtaining full compensation for the damage thereby incurred

By this damage your Petitioner must suffer what at any time would not a little affect the interest of a person in his circumstances, who has no other way of supporting a numerous & helpless family than by the earnings of a coasting sloop: But at this juncture, & in the circumstances of your petitioner & of the place where he dwells, the loss is such to him as can hardly be repaired.

Confiding therefore in the Honor & Generosity of this Honble Court & trusting to the encouragement given him by General Wadsworth, your Petitioner, by the General's direction, has, at great expence, made a Journey from Boothbay to this place, to wait upon your Honors for redress: & most humbly entreats this Honorable Court to take his case into your wise consideration, & grant him compensation for his said damage, in such manner as, to your Honors, in your Wisdom & Justice, shall appear meat.

and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Reed

B. Austin to Col. Masereau.

Boothbay — June 14th 1780

Smouse — Rutland

Claire — Deserted

Linginhoof — Rutland

Gammon — Deserted

Col^l^ Masereau

please to let me know whether you have all the above persons at Rutland as Prisoners

Your humb^l^ Servt B. Austin

Memorial of Selectmen of Boothbay.

State of Massachusetts Bay—

To the Hono^ble^ Council & House of
Representatives in General Court Assembled

The Memoriall of the Selectmen of the Town of Boothbay Humbly Shews That the Late Selectmen of Said Town: have for Sum Reason or other unknown to your Memorilles Neglected to Tax Assess the Inhabitants of the said Town of Boothbay with the two Last Taxes Laid on Said Town by the General Court by Reason of which the s^d^ Taxes are not Collected and the Treasurer of this State has Now Isued his Warrant against the Collecters of said Town for the Several Sums set on said Town to pay while they have it not in their Power to Collect the same: your Memorilles therefore consider they have it not in their Power to Assess the Inhabitants of said Town for those Taxes which ware set to said Town before their Choise into office: your Memorilles therefore Pray for the Interposition of this Honourable Court that the Late or Presint Selectmen might be impowered to assess the Inhabitants of said Town for those Taxes & as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray

Benj^a^ Sawyer
p^r^ orders

June 16: 1780

Report of Committee in re Brig Tyranicide.

In the House of Representatives June 16, 1780

The Committee on the petition of John Cathcart late Commander of the State Brig Tiranaside have attended that service and find that by a Resolve of Council of July the 3^d^ 1779 the Com^tte^ appointed to Enlist men for maning the Ships & Vessels Distined on the Expedition to Penobscot

were in said resolve Impowerd & Directed to Publish & Declare to all persons Inclining to take part in said Expedition that the State would not Directly or Indirectly share any part of any arm[d] vessel or ship or transport or other vessel which might be Captur[d] by the fleet Distined to penobscot or by any Vessel thereto belonging and that the share that might accrue to this State shall acrue to the Captor & be shared among them — and the petitioner being Engaged in that Expedition & in Consequence of said resolve Intitled to his part of all prizes that would otherwise have belonged to this State —

Your Committee are of oppinnion that the petitioner Cannot have any just Claim on this State for Damages he Sustained in the loss mentioned in his petition

Sent up for Concurrence

Read & accepted

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council June 16[t] 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y.

Consented to —

Jer Powell	A. Wood	J Simpson
W. Spooner	A Fuller	S Choate
N. Cushing	B. White	E Brooks
J Fisher	B Austin	Sam[l] Bass
T Cushing	J Stone	Tho[s] Durfee

Resolve Directing Selectmen of Boothbay.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 16, 1780

on the Memoriall of the Selectmen of the Town of Boothbay seting forth that the Late Selectmen of said Town have Neglected to Asses the Inhabitants of said Town in the two

last Preceading State Taxes and that the Selectmen for the present year, cannot by Law assess the same whereby great Inconveniences have arrison —

Therefore Resolved that the Selectmen of The said Town of Boothbay for the Time being be and they hereby are impowered and Directed as soon as May be to assess the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Boothbay with the full sums set to said Town in the two [A] Last [B] Preceading Tax [C] acts and commit Perfect Lists of the Said assessments to the Constables or Collectors of the said Town of Boothbay Requiring them to geather the same and Pay them in to the Treasurer of this State without Delay, and the said Constables or Collectors are hereby impowered & Directed to gather the same any Law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding — — and it is further Resolved that the Treasurer of the State be & he hereby is Directed to stay his Executions against said Constables or Collectors until ye further order of this Court

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr.

In Council June 16, 1780

Read & Concurred with an amendment at A & B

Send down for Concurrence,

John Avery D Sec'y.

at A insert Tax lots preceding the

at B dele from B to C

In the House of Representatives June 17, 1780

Read & concurred John Hancock Spk^r^

Consented to—

J Bowdoin	B. White	J Simpson
Jere Powell	N. Cushing	E Brooks
W. Spooner	J Stone	A Wood
T Cushing	A Fuller	Thos Durfee
R. T Paine	Sam Niles	S. Choate

Receipt.

Boston 17 June 1780

This may Certifie that I have received of Capt Isaac Philips an Iron Harth w^{t} five hundred no Quarters & fourteen pounds for the Use of the Ship Mars belonging to the State of Massachusetts Bay

Sim^{n} Samson

To the Hon^{l} the Board of War State of Massachusetts Bay.

Deposition Tim Langdon Esqr

I Timothy Langdon at Lawfull Age testify & declare that about a fortnight or three weeks before the time appointed for the tryal of the sloop Nancy Peleg Crooker formerly Master & part owner, the said Crooker applied to me & enquired if a libel was filed against the said Sloop, I told him there was, he then produced to me a paper which purported an order of Court directed to the Committee of Boothbay directing the said Committee to deliver the same Sloop to said Crooker, if the s^{d} Crooker would pay all costs that had arisen, I told the s^{d} Crooker I could do nothing about the said Sloop unless he applied to the Libellant, but at the same time told him if he would file a claim the matter would properly come before the Court & Jury, he replied, I will not file a claim I'll be damned first I have had plague enough about the Sloop & I will not be at any more expence about her if I lose her,—afterwards on the day of the tryal of said Sloop the said Crooker was present in Court, & I allowed him to speak to the Jury & he then produced a paper and desired leave to offer it to the Jury, I looked at the paper & it was only sign'd by Benjamin Sawyer a chairman of the Committee of Booth-

bay & Certified by him to be a copy of an order of Court which I told Mr Crooker could not be admitted as evidence and further saith not

Tim Langdon

Lincoln ss April 22d 1779.

Then Timothy Langdon Esqr above named personally appeared & after being carefully examined & duely caution'd to testify the whole truth & nothing but the truth, made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him subscribed, taken at the request of Obe Hubbs to be used in an Action or Plea of Covenant broken, to be heard & try'd at the next Superior Court of Judicature &c to be holden at Ipswich in the County of Essex on the third Tuesday of June next, wherein Samuel Bailey & others are the original plaintiffs & the sd Obe Hubbs is original Defendt this Deponant living & being at Pownalborough more than thirty miles from the place of Trial is the reason of this Caption & the sd Bailey & others the adverse parties living & being at Newbury Port more than twenty miles from the place of Caption was neither notified nor present —

Before me

Nath1 Thwing Just Peace

Witness attend 1 day	a.7.6
Justice travel 30 miles	1.7.0
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taking affidavit	3.0
Writing Deposition, Caption, Sealing & Directing &c	1.4.0
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Essex County June 18th 1779

Opened in Court

Allen Shaw, Cler.

Petition Town Bristol.

To the Honourable the Senate & House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Gentlemen, this may Inform you that we your Petitioners the Selectmen, and Militia Officers, of the Town of Bristol, in the County of Lincoln, and State of the Massachusetts Bay, being Appointed a Committee, by S^d^ Town to Petision your Honours, in their behalf, Therefore the Petision of us the Subscribers Humbley Sheweth, that we bare trew and Faithfull Allegance to the Thirteen United States of America — and we Ever was, and still are ready and willing, to Maintain and Defend, S^d^ States to the uttermost in our Power, but upon a Strict Examination we find we are in want of Arms and Ammunision, by which means we are unable to Defend our-selves, and to do the Service to the State, that we would wish and Desire to do, We therefore Pray your Honours to Suplie us with Eighty Stand of Arms, two Hundred Weight of Powder, Six Hundred Weight of Lead, Six Hundred Flints, and to send a bill of them, together with the Time of payment, and you may Depend on being Punktualy paid att the Time, and your Petisioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray, &c,

Henry Hunter } Select men
Henry Fassit } of Bristol

William Jones C^ol^ George James Yeats
Thos Brackett Henry Hunter

Bristol June, 21, 1780

Execution of Judgment Stayed.

State of Mass^ts^ Bay

In the House of Representatives June 22^d^ 1780

Whereas at an Inferior Court of common Pleas holden at Pownalborough within and for the County of Lincoln on the first Tuesday of this present month. ¶ Ebenezer Whittier

and John Langdon Junr both of Pownalborough aforesaid Yeomen recovered Judgment against James Cargill of New Castle in the same County Gentleman, for the Sum of Thirteen Thousand one Hundred & twenty three Pounds, Eighteen Shillings Damages and Twenty two Pounds & sixteen Shillings Costs

Upon the Petition of the said James Cargill it is Resolved that the Execution of the said Judgment be stayed untill the third Wednesday of the next Session of this Court, and the Sheriffs of each of the Counties in this State and their respective Deputies and Under Sheriffs are hereby directed and Commanded during the mean Time not to execute or serve any Executions of the Judgment aforesaid either on the Person or any Part of the Estate of the said James Cargill, and the said Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon are by the said James Cargill to be served with a Copy hereof to shew Cause if any they have wherefore the said Judgment should be executed.

Sent up for Concurrence

Jno Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 23^{d} 1780

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D Secy

Consented to by the Maj^{r} Part of the Council

True Copy Attest

John Avery D Secy

Resolve on the Letter from Genl. Wadsworth.

In Council June 22^{d} 1780

Read & Ordered — That Samuel Baker Esqr with such as the Honble House shall join be a Committee to take into Con-

sideration this Letter and the Petition of Joseph Reed accompanying the same & to report what is proper to be done thereon —

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives June 22 1780

Read & Concurred & Maj^{r} Davis & Mr Rowe are join'd

John Hancock Spk^{r}

The Committee appointed to consider the foregoing Letter and the petition accompanying the same have Examined said papers and ask Leave to Report the Following Resolve which, Humbly Submitted.

Saml Baker pr order

Superscribed: Honble Jeremiah Powell Esqr President of Council Massachusetts Bay.

In Council June 1780

Whereas it is Represented by a Letter from Genl Wadsworth and the petition of Joseph Reed accompanying the same that on the 22nd of May Last in the Harbour of Townsend, was Captured by James Ridor Mowat Capt of the Kings Rangers (so called a Sloop called the Rangers Late the property of the s^{d} Reed and that on the Day Following the said Capt Mowat with nine others ware Captured by said Reed and others; that then the said Mowat offered to restore the s^{d} Sloop Together with a Schooner Taken by him the preceeding Day, in the same condition in which they ware Taken, on Condition that he s^{d} Mowat with the other Prisoners should be sett at Liberty — But the said General Doughting of his Athority in that Case, has Refered said Reed to the Council for an order respecting that matter.

Therefore Resolved that Brigadier General Peleg Wadsworth be and he is hereby Fully Impower'd and Athorized to agree to an Exchange of the said Mowat and the other

prisoners aforesaid, for said Vessels or a proper Equivalent on such Terms as he shall judge honorable and Beneficial to the State if the Said Mowat Shall still be Disposed to agree to said Exchange; and that the said Mowat with the other prisoners in the mean time be at the Disposal of the s^d^ General and that if the said Sloop be Recovered or an Equivalent She or s^d^ Equivalent Shall Revert to and be delivered to her Former owner the s^d^ Joseph Reed

In Council June 24^t^ 1780

Read & Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y

In the House of Representatives June 24th 1780

Resolve for Appointing Commissioners.

In the House of Representatives June 22 — 1780

Whereas the present Exigencies of the public, require a punctual payment of taxes, and most towns in the State have advanced and are advancing their taxes, even before the time required by law for their payment,

Resolved, that in any case where the payment of the first moiety of the tax which is required to be discharged, on the 15th of July next, shall not be compleatd on the 31st of July next, the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby directed to issue his Executions against all Constables & Collectors who shall then be delinquent as aforesaid —

Resolved that Commissioners be appointed for the Counties of Cumberland, Lincoln, Dukes County & Nantucket, to take measures for collecting immediately the second Moiety of the tax which is order'd to be paid into the Treasury on the 15th of September next.—

and that Sam[l] Freeman and John Lewis Esq[rs] be appointed Commissioners for the County of Cumberland; Charles Cushing Esq[r] & Nath[l] Thoing Esq[r] for the County of Lincoln; Stephen Hussey & James Atheam Esq[rs] for the County of Nantucket & Dukes County.—

And it is Resolved that the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 15th instant, for collecting money, as it designates the duty of Commissioners, Selectmen, Committees of Correspondence and the Inhabitants and every other clause and article therof, relating to every other matter and thing therein contained, shall avail and be observed by the Commissioners, Selectmen, Committee and Inhabitants of the said Counties of Cumberland, Lincoln, Nantucket & Dukes County, (excepting so far as said Resolution relates to the first moiety of the tax to be paid on or before the 15th of July next) as fully and compleatly as they might and would have done, if the names of those Counties had been particularly named in said Resolution.—

And the Commissioners are hereby enjoined to convey the money they are severally to collect, to the Treasury of this State, with utmost expedition.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council June 24th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y.

Consented to—

J Bowdoin	B. White	Sam[l] Baker
Jer Powell	Jno Pitts	J. Simpson
W. Spooner	J Stone	Aaron Wood
R. T. Paine	A. Fuller	Thos Durfee
B. Austin	E Brooks	S. Choate

List of Prisoners Sent by Lt Steavens.

Prisoners Names	When Taken	Where Taken	By whom
James Morehead	June 1780	Bragaduce	Lieu^t Foster
Dumer McGrigery	d°	ditto	
Robert Wall	ditto	ditto	
John Follet	d°	Penobscott River	Capt Blunt
John Brown	d°	ditto	
John Scott	d°	d°	
Aron Terry	d°	d°	
John Anderson	d°	d°	
Jack Linkester	d°	d°	
Thos Vintenor	July 1780	Newfoundland	Protector
Micael Baker	ditto	ditto	Capt Williams
Thos Instey	d°	d°	
Robert Bennett	d°	d°	
Wm Jackson	d°	d°	
Abram Smith	d°	d°	
Thos Howard	ditto	ditto	
Mical Kellehorn	ditto	ditto	
Joseph Thompson	d°	d°	
James McCloud	d°	d°	
Nathl Boof	d°	d°	
John Primer	d°	d°	
Jeremiah hooper	d°	d°	
Daniel Boyon	July 1780	Newfoundland	Capt Williams
Pilip Rogers	ditto	ditto	
Timothy Linch	ditto	ditto	
Henery Eagle	ditto	ditto	
Thomas Brinton	ditto	ditto	
Timothy Howard	ditto	ditto	
James Dilloway	ditto	ditto	
Thomas Brinton	ditto	ditto	

Representation of Christoper Newbit

To the Honble the Senate, & House of Representatives John Lucas In behalf of Chrisopher Newbit a Soldier, in Capt Phillip M. Ulmers, Comp^{y} & who lost his Right Arm, 28th July 1779 at Majorbigwaduce as Appears, by a Coppey of a Certificate Tacken from the records of Pensioners

John Lucas Com^{sy}

Pension Office at Boston 12th Ap^{l} 1781

Certificate in Favor Christopher Newbit.

This Certifies that Christoper Newbit was a Soldier in My Company, and who lost his right Arm at Majorbigwaduce, 28th of July 1779 —

Phillip M. Ulmer Maj^{or}

Waldoborough 24th July 1780

Pension Office at Boston, 12th Ap^{l} 1781

A Coppey attested

John Lucas Com^{sry} of Pensioners

[The petitions belonging to these certificates were lost at date of the one below — (See indorsement thereon]

Letter from Genl Wadsworth Respect^{g} Deserters &c.

Head Quarters Thomaston 25 June 1780

Sir

I receiv'd your Favour of the 9th May, am hapy in your Hono^{rs} Approbation therein exprest, & have good Expectation from the Encouragement therein given, that the Troops destin'd for this Department will soon arive. They are exceedingly wanted.

Our Numbers are the same as mentiond in my last, with the Deduction of the three Months men (whose Term is

expir'd) & the small Detatchment with two whale Boats that were sent to Machias. And here I cannot but mention that of the first Detatchment order'd from the County of York. I have had only two Officers & nine men in Camp. It is necessary that the Remainder should be sent on.

I have the Pleasure to acquaint your Honor of the Capture of two arm'd Schooners from Bigwaduce, by a party of Whale Boats under the Command of Capt Blunt.

Having Intelligence that they had gone up Penobscott River with an Intent to get some Cannon to complete several Cruisers that were fitting out against us, I dispatch'd a party of five Whale Boats with forty six men under the Command of Capt Blunt, to surprise & (if possible) to capture them: which he effected, just as they had finished their Business & were making Sail to get down the River. They had a Number of Cannon in their Holds with the greater Part of Col^{o} Brewers house, which they had taken down.

One of the Schooners is about fifty Tons, mounting four Carriage Guns & a Number of Swivels. The other about 30 Tons completely equipt with Cannon & Swivels & a very fine Cruiser. The Crews escaped by running the Vessels on Shore after they Struck; Twelve only were made Prisoners amongst which is one Capt Nathl Gardner (formerly of Kennebeck, & the Surgeon of the Albany. Capt Blunt in effecting this Capture without the Loss of a man, merits Applause. The Enemy lost one man drown'd & one wounded.

The Prizes were no sooner in at Clam Cove in Cambden, than the whole naval Force of Bigwaduce appear'd in pursuit; on their Approach they appear'd to have Troops & Boats for landing. The neighbouring Militia were call'd for, who turn'd out readily, the largest Schooner was hawl'd up & her Cannon taken on Shore. It not seeming expedient to lay the Small Schooner on Shore lest she should receive Damage

She was sent out to Sea & made her escape, whilst the Enemy stood into the opposite side of the Cove. After plying across the Cove for about three Hours & finding Some preparations making for a Dispute they declined puting the Question & quietly Stear'd up the Sound from whence they Came. After which the Cannon were again put on Board & the prize sent Round for St Georges River, where they are both hourly expected.

Not having any Account of the Appointment of a Surgeon or Mate for Col^{o} Primes Regiment or this Port, & being in great need of one in this Quarter, I appointed Doctor Willm Elliot P T. Who has acted Since the 20th May as surgeon — & if one has not been Appointed for this Quarter I would recommend Doctor Elliot a Suitable Person for a Surgeon. He has a Medicine Chest that will answer for the Present.

The Continental Deserters in this County are in general dispossed to take the Benefit of the Late Act of the State respecting them, but most of them are unable to bare their Expences to their respective Regiments; which will be a Reason why many will not join their Corps till their Day of Grace is out & they are apprehended. But should it be thot consistent with the Views of the State & the Good of the Service that the Deserters from the Continental Army in the three eastern Counties should repair to my Camp at this place & do duty here for the Campaign or till further Orders, I doubt not but it will be a means of a very general Collection of them & it would be saving their Service for this Season, as the greater part of it will otherwise be squandered away before they will join any Corps at all. Their Service is greatly wanted here. I beg to have an Answer to this Question as soon as convenient I am Sir with great respect

your most humble Servt

P Wadsworth B G

Honble President of Council

In Council July 11th 1780

Read & Committed to Timo Danielson Esqr to take into Consideration this Letter and report what may be proper to be done thereon

John Avery D Secy

Order Board of War.

War Office Boston, June 26, 1780

Sir/

Capt Henry Elwell has agreed with this Board, to bring a Number of Masts, from Falmouth for them, you will, therefore please to deliver him Six of the Smallest Masts & the Bow Sprits which you have in your care, belonging to this Board, taking his Receipt for the Number delivered — Whatever necessary Expence you may be at in delivering them, the Board will readily allow —

I am Sir Your hum Servt By Order of the Board

Jos. Chapman Secy

Capt Wm Frost Falmouth

Martial Law Proclaimed in Lincoln County.

Indian Eastern Department

By John Allan Esqr Continentl Supr Intendt & Commander in Chief of Indians Eastern Departmt and Commanding Officer at Machias —

Whereas the Honoble the General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay has in their Wisdom thot proper for the Security & Protection of the Inhabitants of the County of Lincoln in said State, & to prevent the Advantages Our Cruel Enemy may Reap by having Connection & Holding Correspondence with Those Tools of Despotism Still Lurking with-

in the Bowels of Our Country, whereby Inteligence is given & Supplys procured for the Enemy, To the Great Detriment of the Glorious Cause of Liberty & the Interest & Honour of the United States of America in particular; To Authorize Brigadier Gene[l] Wadsworth to put the Law Martial in force in said County of Lincoln — Therefore Agreeable to the Resolves of the Gene[l] Court & the Order of Brigadier General Wadsworth — I Do Proclame the Law Martial in this Department & the Eastern part of said County to the Boundary of Nova Scotia, Agreeable to the Proclamation Issued by Brigadier Gen[l] Wadsworth the 18th of April Last — and all persons whatever is to Take Notice Accordingly —

And Whereas many persons Unacquainted with the Intentions of Government, & the Nature of the Martial Law, which might Create Uneasiness in their Minds, the Commanding Officer of this Department, thot proper to postpone puting said Martial Law in Execution, Till it was Known from Gen[l] Wadsworth the Meaning and Intent of it — Having therefore Recievd an Answer thereon & being inclined to give every Satisfaction to the Good & peaceable Subjects of the United States within the Circle of my Command, I do here Insert a True Coppy of Gen[l] Wadsworths Instructions & Advice thereon as followeth —

"Extract of A Letter dated Head Quarters Thomaston June 11th 1780

"Your Observations Respecting the Execution of Martial Law was very Just, my Intent however in Extending it thro the Country, was that Any person Offending against the Proclamation, even in that part of the Country more Immediately within Your Department might be Fairly Tryable by a General Court Appointed by my Order in Any part of the County — For this End (by Your Consent) I do hereby Appoint Colo[l] John Allan President of a General Court

Martial to be held at Mechias Any Time within Six Mounths from the date hereof, with Power to Call in the Officers of the Neighbouring Millitia in Conjunction with his own Officers, to Compose a Gene[l] Court Martial, and to Try Any Offenders Against the United States, within the discription & Limits of my Proclamation of the 18th April Last, Agreeable to the Rules and Regulations of the Continental Army — In Order to give the Good Inhabitants a Just Idea of this Declaration of the Martial Law, it would be well to Inform them, That the Whole Intent of it, is to Cut off the Conection between the Inhabitants & the Enemy and to punish Offenders of that Kind, and that the Civil Law is so farr from being Suspended in all Other Respects, that it is Intended to be Strengthen'd by it —

Great Prudence is Also Requisite. Flagrant Offenders or None — Severity or Mildness — Precision & Decision are Marks in my View — Offenders to the Eastward of Majawbagaduce perhaps might be Most Conveniently Tryed with Yours" "I am &c P. Wadsworth B. G.

Given under my Hand at Head Quarters Mechias June 26th 1780 J. Allan

By Command of the Sup[r] Intend[t] & Command[g] Officers

Ja[s] Avery Sec[y] to the Departm[t]

Conference With the Indians.

Indian Eastern Department

Passamequody Indian Camps July 1st 1780

The whole of the Several Nations having assembled together in Conference, Sup[t] In[d] Speaks — "Brothers, When I left you last, I expected not to have been here so soon, as I had much bussiness to do to the Westward, but hearing of our friends from Penobscott being here, at your Invitation I have Come.—

"Brothers I am ready to attend any Council you may require, to give any advice in my power for your satisfaction —

"Brothers, I have but with me one friend & Brother Colo Campbell, who has been to the Westward on bussiness for you & me, according to your Desire he now stands before you & will Communicate the whole of his proceedings."

(Colo Campbell Repeated over the several matters happened during the Winter) the Superintendent then said,—

"Brothers, I Cannot Stay Long, my return is Necessary, in order to prepare matters for the Westward — you will therefore be as expiditious as possible in Transacting your business, & to make Known what you have to say."

About 10 OClock arrived three Indians from St Johns River, express from Mr Buck & Major Studholm — the Priest required their Attendance immediately, if they wanted anything done in the Church way.—Major Studholm in a letter acquaints them of the Priests arrival, promising protection & Kind Treatment, if they will return to the River St Johns — a Grand Conference immediately takes place among themselves to Answer this, after some time the Superintendent was Called, Pier Tomma rises,

"Brother, We are happy — our hearts are glad to see you well, & we thank that Great & Kind father, that letts us Come togeather to see Each other, that by our Lips we may shew the Sincerity of our Hearts, — Chiefs, Sachems, Young men, our Women & Children Salute you, believe us Brother we love you,— you have done as our father — we saw your Difficultys this Winter, we see the Trouble you took to keep our Women & Children alive,— God bless & preserve you & family (a String of Wampum)

"Brother you will Tell our brother Campbell, that we thank him for the good News he brings, we Salute him with a good Heart,

"Brothers We thank these great men, that has made us such good promises, but you have said allways very much about it, but we now see the most of our Women & Children Naked — we are willing to do our share in the War, but you know we have been Keep'd from our hunting to help you in Defending the Country, by which we have become poor, which might have been otherways if we had followed our bussiness —

"Brother, our great Trouble is about a Reverend father to take Care of our Souls,— Great Charges & Guilt Lyes upon them, we have much to Answer for, & must soon go where we Can find one to tell our faults — a long Time we have been promised to have one from the Americans, but we are Still without,—

"Brothers What you Told us before you left this place at our last Conference we have thought much about, we have searched our Hearts, our Eyes & our Ears are Open, we have agreed all to one thing, our Chiefs Captains, Youngmen, Women & Children, the Americans are our Brothers we love them —

"Brother, Being at this Time Anxious to tell all our brothers of America our mind & that they may Know it Comes from our Hearts — we shall follow the sacred method which our fathers of old Did — therefore what we now say must be believed, for it Comes from our Hearts — from the bottom of our Souls — we will now go on, Brother,—

"Brother you being one of our Tribe, you must Know our ways — but if we did not Love you, we would not Trust you with this Sacred pledge — for we woud go with it ourselves —

"Brother Here is a Belt of Wampum, which is made up from the Gifts of all in our Nation, from the least Child,— we present it to you in behalf of the American Congress & the King of France our Antient Fathers,— you will hear us

Tell you that this must be sent to them,— and Tell them from us, that this goes from our Hearts Warm with love towards them — from an Arm & body strong to fight for them — we now want to know from themselves what there hearts & minds is,— we salute them all, the Chiefs Sachems Young men Women & Children of America, & the King of France — May god take Care of them,— give them good Council & a Strong Arm to fight — (A belt of Wampum)

"Brother, we are going to say something, that may be will not please you,— but the burthen upon our Souls is such, that we Cannot help it —

"Brother, Here is an Express from the reverend Father on St Johns River — we know him, & he knows us — he can Administer the ordenances in our own Language — from his Kindness to us, we think he will not Insist upon doing any thing for Old England, if he Does, we will reject it & leave him — But as we think for the best — we have Come to a Determination to go and see him, we are sorry if it offends you, but we must go.— What Major Studhom wrote we take no Notice of — we do not Intend to Stop at the Fort —

"Brother we shall now leave you a little while, but our Hearts will be with you — and you may be sure that we shall not have any Concern with the Britains,"—

The Superintendent used every possible Argument, to Divert their Attention, but finding them Determined, took his leave & returned to Machias, a few Days after an Express was sent off to St Johns, on the Arrival of the French fleet & Army, with other News —

Message from the Morisheete Tribe, now on St Johns River, bro't by Ambroise St Aubin, Chief — ¶ "Brother, We Salute you every one of us— we woud Remind you of our Conference this Spring, particularly Respecting the Priest for the Salvation of our Souls — We are to Assure you, that

our Language to the Britains is from our Lips only, but when we address the Americans & French its from our hearts — we earnestly entreat you when you receive any good News that Certainly may be rely'd upon lett us hear it,

"Brother we want to see you — you are our brother & friend — we wish you well — if you Coud settle on St Johns, we shoud be happy — we will take Care of you — for no one shall hurt you, but as you say so we will do, adieu for the present."

Mr Buck (the Prest) Discorse to the Merimacks adress'd to Chief.

"My Children I woud have you Come to Halifax — Cast away those Titles of Authority given you by the Americans, & leave these Combinations, break off every Connection with them, and Return to your old Friends, do this Candedly & you shall have free Access to go into & out from the Towns & Villages of the King of England —"

The Answer of Chief. ¶ "No we will not, neither my Children, my Nephews, myself nor any of our Connections do this — but will remain firm friends to the Americans, what if we lose our lives in their Cause, they will Avenge us, & retaliate four fold,— then the priest Desired them to Confess their Sins & he woud give them absolution, they Answered they had nothing to Confess as yet, that wanted absolution"—

Return of a Message sent to the Indians of St Johns by Pier Tomma (one hand) & Joseph Sesch — July 28th

"Brother, We the Chiefs Sachems, Young men, Women & Children Salute Colo. Allan & all his Officers & Greets them Well,—

"Brother, we feel happy to have heard from you with the good News you sent us —

"Brother you may rely our Hearts are fixed on you, & nothing Can alter our dispositions to the Americans & French — we will allways keep in mind what you Told us in our last Conference — our Hearts & hands are still firm — and wait your further orders — we have moved after seing the Priest into the Interior parts of the Country towards Passamequody Lakes, approaching nearer to you —

"Brother, lett us allways hear from you, & you shall the same from us — Do not neglect sending news how things are going to the Westward particularly lett us Know about the French — if Coming near us, and when we shall see a priest, to lead our Souls Right"—

Return Upon Writ in re Schr. Nancy.

State of Massachusetts Bay in New England Essex Ss

The Government and People of the said State

To the several Sheriffs of Our Countys of Essex Suffolk Cumberland and Lincoln, their respective under Sheriffs or Deputys Greeting

L. S. Whereas Stephen Hall of Boston in Our County of Suffolk Wharfinger and Peleg Crooker of Situate in Our County of Plymouth Coaster before our Justices of Our Superior Court of Judicature &c held at Ipswich in Our County of Essex on the third Tuesday of June last recovered Judgment for restitution of a certain Sloop called the Nancy burthen about Eighty Tons, her Cargo & appurtenances, / which was Libelled in the Maritime Court for the Eastern District in Our said State by James Cargill & others, and by decree of the same Court condemned / Execution of which Judgment doth still remain to be done —

We Command you therefore that without delay you cause the said Sloop Nancy with her Cargo & appurtenances, if they may be found in either of our precincts to be restored

to the said Stephen Hall and Peleg Crooker, they paying your fees for so doing: And make return of this Writ with your doings therein, into the Office of the Clerk of Our said Court as soon as may be—

Witness William Cushing Esqr at Boston the ninth day of July in the Year of Our Lord 1778

Saml Winthrop Cler

Cumberland Ss July 18th 1778

In obedience to the within Writ of Execution I have taken the Sloop Nancy within mentioned found at North Yarmouth in my precinct, & delivered & restored hur to Benjamin Shaw Attorney to the within named Hall & Crooker for their use with two anchors & Cables hur standing & running Riging, but without Cargo Boat or Sails, she having none in, upon, or about hur when I found hur

Benjamin Bayley Dep^{y}

A Copy Attest Oliver Peabody Cler.

Mr John Langdon Wiscassett

Peleg Wadsworth to Council.

Head Quarters, Falm^{o} 10 July 1780

Sir,

On the 3^{d} Inst: I arrived at this Post from Thomaston, having spent six or seven weeks at that. While there the troops were constantly in scouting & cruizing on the Enemy. The Effects were good. The Success of their Enterprizes kept the Enemy pretty close at home; gave spirit & Contentment to the troops, who have been scantily suplied with provision; & inspired the Inhabitants, who were but too wavering, with some degree of Confidence.

Agreeable to the Instructions of Council I have endeavoured to inform myself of the real temper & disposition of these Inhabitants. I find it better than I expected. Upon

enquiry it appears too many complaints have been grounded on Animosity & personal Resentment. These I have endeavoured to remove by every mean in my power, & to effect a reconciliation of parties, & to cultivate mutual forbearance & good will. I think I have had some success in my Endeavours, & hope to see some further good Effects. The greater part of the people in that part of the Country are disposed just as one would suppose them to be from their Situation & Circumstances. They wish well to the American Cause, & would contribute what is in their power to the support of it: But they are Inhabitants of a new settled Country; thinly scattered over the Wilderness; fond of the little substance they have at length got to support themselves. They are at a distance from the seat of Government; know but little of what passes there; & small in their own eyes. This naturally begets on the one hand Jealousy of those they think should be their Patrons; & on the other fear of their enemy. But while they see a force sufficient to protect them, they cheerfully exert themselves: When this fails they had rather submit to the imposition of an Oath of Allegiance from the Enemy, than have their Interest destroyed by them.

I may here observe the Expediency of an augmentation of troops in that quarter. I would take them from Falm°, but the numbers even here are less than the works to be raised at this Post require. I have about two thirds of the men ordered to be raised. It is reported the troops in this department are on Continental Establishment, & that 800, men are recommended for it: But I have it only by Report. As many as 800, I think would be highly conducive to the good of the department, & would enable me to render different service to the State, than what is now possible.

A Paymaster in this department would be convenient. I am not insensible of the present want of money in the publick

Offices: But the Officers at least stand in need of some part of their pay for present Subsistence, & the privates frequently find the necessity of some money. In mine of the 10 May I desire leave to appoint a Secretary, & that a suitable Establishment might be made for him. I have had no answer. It is unsuitable for me to say that I do a great deal of business in that way; but I have so much to do as interferes with a proper discharge of my duties in other Respects. The same person might officiate as Paymaster & Secretary.

I received a line from Council of the 9 May, which is the only return I have had. At the time of writing I supposed some Articles required an Answer; & still wish for a Return relative to a Surgeon, a Secretary & a Paymaster.

My necessary engagements have been such as to prevent my calling for a general Return of the Militia of this State, which should have been given in on the first Monday of this month.

Such are my present Engagements, & such the Engagements of the Militia, that I could wish to have the Returns postponed till next January.

I am Sir, with Sentiments of Respect, your Honor's most obedient & very humble Servant

Peleg Wadsworth

President of Council

In Council July 20th 1780

Read & Committed to Jeremiah Powell and Benjamin Austin Esqrs to take into Consideration this Letter together with the Letters referred to in this Letter and report what may be proper to be done thereon

John Avery D Secy

Order to Brig^d Genl Wadsworth.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Boston July 11 1780

Whereas it appears to This Board That There are a Number of Deserters from the continental Army in The line of this State in Counties of Cumberland Lincoln and York, who are desirous of taking the Advantage of the Proclamation of his Excellency General Washington, by returning to Their Duty in the said Army, but by Reason of Their Inability to pay the necessary Expences of such a March are incapacitated to improve the Day of Grase, and receiving the Benefits Thereof Therefore Order that Brigadeer General Wadsworth be and hereby is directed, to signify to all Deserters who are desirous to receive the Benefit of the Proclamation aforesaid, in the aforesaid Counties That Each of Them shall receive when they arive at Boston, on their way to General Washington's Head Quarters a Sum of Mony Sufficient to bear their Expenses to their respective Corps in the said Army to be hereafter deducted from their wajes when they shall receive the Ballance due to them from the Depreciation of the same

Attest John Avery D Secy

Certificate in re James Cargill.

Newcastle July 1st 1780

this may certify all whom it may concern that the Bill of costs Levyed on Cargills Real Estate was larger than it would have been had some persons attended as appraisers that agreed to serve, but refused, and gave as a reason they had been threatened, by reason of which s^d Creditors & officers was put to extraordinary trouble & Expence

David Murray Dep^ty Sheriff

This may certify all whom it may concern that James Cargill applied to us the subscribers to set as Refferees in the case pending in the Inferior Court of common pleas holden in Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln on the first Tuesday of June 1780 between Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon plaintiffs and the said James Cargill Defendant. The said James acknowledged there was a sum of Money due from him to the said Whittier and Langdon and all he wanted of us was to ascertain how much the sum was —

Augt 11th 1780

Jonas Bowman }
Nath Thwing } Refferees

Col. Allan to the President of the Council.

Machias July 12th 1780

Sir,

An Opportunity Just Offering gives me the Honor of Writing a few Lines to the Honble Board,— my last was of the 11th Ult^{o} from Passamequod — the 22nd returned to Machias to settle matters there, an Officer and Twenty one Men arrived from Camden, with Capt Preble whom I had sent to know the reason of their Detanure,—

On the 30th I sett of for Passamequody with Colo. Campbell as was Necessary he shoud Communicate personally what was done for the Indians at the Westward, which is their Custom —

The 31st as we were Assembling for a Conference, Three Indians arrived Express from St John's, with a letter from Mr Burk the Priest Desiring them to Atten'd him immediately on bussiness of the Church, as allso a letter from Major Studholm promising Pardon for past Offences, Protection & Presents.— I was Desired to Interpret these letters, which when Done, much was said, a Conference held the best

woud be Sufficient for Indians, for the want of men we have of Two days, they Came to a Determination to see the Priest at all events, but Declared their Zeal for America, their friendship & Affection for me, that they wou'd have no Concern with the Britain whatever,—only meant to see the Priest, their Souls being heavy & Loaded with Burthens of Sins, that they acted on a Duty Commanded in their Church which they Coud not Neglect,—They Delivered a very large Belt of Wampum to be sent Congress and French Ambassador (which will be sent at a proper Opp°) I used every Meathod in my Power to Divert their Intention, but all in Vain go they wou'd—But made the most Sacred Protestations to be back in Three Weeks—Accordingly all but about 100 Including Women & Children sett off the 3d Inst

I am very unhappy in being obliged to Acquaint the Honble Board of this, after the Success I have Experienced in Disappointing the Priest & Mr Franklin for this three Years,—I do not believe they will be persuaded to do any thing against America, but it will give great Encouragement to the Britains, and have to much reason to suspect they mean us mischief by this Sudden Menuver, the Indians being the only Dread for some time. Shoud nothing happen, I shall be Contented, as it will save much Provisions But the Great Disposer of Human affairs I Trust will Direct us for the Best—

Our Situation may be Easily Conceived, when the Honble Board is Acquainted, that I have but Thirty five men to defend this Post, Part of which must Constantly be with me among the Indians.—I have allready Troubled the Hon'ble Board much in my Complaints about Troops not Coming—this Spring I have Experienced & seen the Evil—Thirty men is Double the Expence in proportion to what Sixty woud be, as the Duty is Various & Constant, that men must be Extra Supplyed to Enable them to go thro' the Hardships—

was their a sufficient Number to Guard Half the Expence to Court & pay them for every Trifling matter — are Often obliged to hire people at a very great Expence, which by having men woud be Prevented — Had there been but 20 men to have Attended me at Passamequody, made a small Tempory Post, it Certainly woud have prevented the Britains a Erecting Post up St Johns River & Neither Franklin nor the Priest woud have dared to be so near,— with the same Number of Men I Coud with the greatest Ease taken the Buckram Schooner & a Large Transport with Supplys for the Several Garrisons up the Bay of Fundi, upon the whole the Damage arising by not having a Hundred men at this Post makes a great Odds in the Expence, & at present Liable to loose all we have been Defending & Expending Money upon these three Years Past —

I have received Intelligence from Nova Scotia, that the most of the Troops in the out Garrisons are called into Halifax, one Third of the Militia ordered to be Drafted, a part for Windsor, by force Marched for Halifax,— where they are carrying on Work, Advice Coming from England that a French fleete is Expected — About 2500 Men in Halifax, & Two Ships —

The Stores Received from the Continental Commissary a great part is Useless — and all Extreemly under weight, lett this arise from what it will, will make much Confusion, as where it has been sent to the Indian Villages & to my Quarters, in Barralls, there will appear great Quantitys more then there realy is — as we have Generally Depended upon the Accuracy & Certainty of the Consigner, we did not find the mistake till Considerable was Consumed — I have ordered a Board of Officers in Conjunction with some of the principle Inhabitants to Examin into the whole,— With Submission I must request a Word from the Honble Board to the Board of War, to forward the Supplys Voted for Indians

with all Expidition, as of the greatest Consequence if its Intend[d] to keep their Interest,— I feel reather Difident in giving such Trouble to the Hon'ble Board, as I am well asured of the Pains they are pleased to Take — I will do the best I Can lett it be which way it will, while I am Honord with the Command,—

I shall despatch off M[r] Avery, with the Several matters Concerning the Department next Week.— I have the Honour to Be with the most Profound Respect and Highest Esteem Sir your most obd[t] & most Humble Serv[t] J Allan

P. S. Inclosed is a Copy of Same Proclamation Issued.

The Hon'ble the President of the Honble Council —

Acc[t] of Lieu[t] Nath[l] Stone.

State of Mass[tts] Bay to Nat Stone D[r] for Expences in taking & bringing two deserters from Old York to Boston

July 9th	To paid the Smith at York for hand cuffs	£22	16	0
15th	To paid Cap[t] Rendall for passage and provisions from York to Salem	60	0	0
	To paid the Goal keeper at Salem	33	12	0
	To paid for Crossing Winnissmit ferry	3	0	0
Boston July 16 1780		119	8	0

Nat Stone L[t] 1st Mass[tts] Reg[t]

N. B. the above deserters are Dan[l] Jacobs of the 1st Mass[tts] Reg[t] and the Col[os] Comp[y] and Abbot of the 11th and Cap[t] Francis's Comp[y] Nat. Stone L[t]

In Council July 15, 1780

Read & All[d] & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £119 : 8/ in favor of the Above Acc[t] the Same to be deducted out of the Depreciation of the Deserters Wages upon the Settlement Jn° Avery D Secy

Log of Ship Protector.

Ship Protector (Broad Bay) July 16th 1780

Gentlemen,

I take this opportunity to inform you that I arrived in this place on Wednesday last in order to take in water — clean the Ships bottom (she being very foul) and to discharge some prisoners — Should have informed you of my arrival in this place by a Sloop that sail'd from hence on Thursday last but was up the river in order to obtain the advice of Genl Wadsworth (who was gone to Falmouth) and Esqr Thomas respecting the Prisoners — I must refer you to the Annexed Extracts from the Journal for particulars — having applied to the Committee of this place respecting the disposal of the prisoners, they have furnished a Schooner in which I shall send them (amounting to about forty to Casco Bay) the rest being all Dead

Being informed of Capt Mowats Ship and several small Craft being at the Lime Islands in Penobscot Bay — I am with the advice of Mr Thomas and the principal Inhabitants of this place bound there, to act in Conjunction with our Troops in hopes of Capturing or destroying them. Our Ship is very sickly having now upwards of twenty sick persons on board —

Shall embrace every opportunity of informing you of my proceedings and beg leave to assure you that your orders shall be always punctually obeyed — by Gentlemen

Your most obedient & very humbl Servt

Jno F. Williams

P. S. We have had two men die since we have been in this place — shall send this Letter by a Mr Little one of the officers of the Ship who was wounded —

Saml Phs Savage Esqr and other Members of the Board of War

Extracts from the Journal of the Ship Protector.

1780

Sunday May 7th At 4 A. M. sailed from Nantasket road. Light winds at S. E. Schooner and Sloop under our convoy bound to Machias — At 4 A M took the Schooner in tow — Nothing remarkable till 11th

Thursday 11th At 6 p. m. Light Airs of Wind at N. E. close in off Machias river cast off the Schoonr and saw her within the Islands — bore away to the Southward for the Sloop — night coming on we lost Sight of her — Lay off and on all night. At 6 A. M. Machias bore N W Dist 4 Leagues — bore away and stood to the Southward —

Monday 15th At 5 p. m. saw a sail gave Chace at 10 Lost sight of her Lattd 38 .. 46 . Long .. 61 .. 35 at 8 A M saw two sail bearg S. S. E. as far as we cou'd see from Top Most Tread — gave Chase —

Tuesday 16th At 5 p. m. Came up wh one of the Chace provd to be the Brigt Fame from Boston Capt Fostin bound to Gaudeloupe — who informed us the other was the Brigt Thomas from Boston — At 10 A M. saw a sail bearg S. W. & B. W. Wind at W. S. W. Lattd 38 .. 36 Longd 61 .. 35 —

Wednesday 17th Light Winds & fair Wr still in Chace — at 8 p. m. Lost Sight of the Chace Lattd 39 .. 16 Longd 60 . 29

Saturday 20th At 6 A. M. saw a Sail gave Chace — at Meridn perceivd her to be a Brigt Standg N. E Lattd 39,36 Longitude 62 .. 30

Sunday 21st Fresh Gales at N. W. still in Chace at ½ past one spoke wth the Chace provd to be the Brigt Genl Waine bound from Rd Island to Spain Lattd 40 : 34 Longd 60 . 24 — Bore away for New Foundland

Friday 26th At 4 A. M. Saw Cape St Mary's bearg N. E. Dist 7 Leagues — Saw several Shallops standg in Shore — at Meridn Cape Race bore E. Dist 8 Leagues — Nothing more remarkable Thick Dirty Wr till the 9th June

Friday, June 9th Wind at W. S. W. At 7 A. M. Saw a Large Ship to Windward bearg down for U. S. under English Colours — appeared to be a Large Ship — she hawled up her Courses in order for Action at 11 A. M. We came along side of her under English Colours — hailed her she answered from Jamaica. I shifted my Colours & gave her a broad side — she soon returned us another, the Action was heavy for near three Glasses when Unfortunately she took fire and soon after blew up — Got out our Boats to save the men took up 55 of them among them was the 3d Mate and the only Officer saved — the greatest part of them very much wounded & burnt — She was called the Admiral Duff — a Large Ship of 32 Guns Commandd by Richd Strange from St Kitts & St Eustatia Ladened with Sugar and Tobacco bound to London — We Lost in the Action one Man (Mr Benja Scollay) and had five men Wounded — received in the Action several shott in our hull and had several of our shrouds & stays Shott away — Lattd 41 .. 50 — Longd 46 .. 37 — Nothing more remarkable till July 1st excepting the prisoners dying fast & our ships Crew growing sickly occasioned by the Number of sick & wounded Prisoners on board.

Saturday July 1st At 6 p. m. Light Airs of Wind at N. W. Inclinable to Calm — hazey Wr saw a sail & gave Chace — the Chace standg for Us — Night Coming on Lost sight of her — at 5 A M. saw two ships the one bearg S. E. the other N. W. both standing for us — Light

Airs of Wind at W. S. W. — we stand for the Ship in the N. W. at 10 Lost Sight of the Ship & Stearn Latt^{d} 43 .. 34, Halifax Light House bear^{g} N & B E. of us —

Sunday July 2nd Light airs of Wind at L. S. W. and hazing W^{r} still stand^{g} for the Ship to ye N. W. at 2 perceived her to be a Large Ship — tack^{d} ship & stood from her — she gave Us Chace — saw two other ships one bear^{g} N. W. the other W^{t} stand^{g} for Us, at 3 bore away, sett Steering sails Low and Soft — at 4 the Ship gains on us fast — within gun shott of us — gave us a bow Chace — we returned her a stearn Chace, keeping up a running fight till 8 P. M. when she came up with us and brot her broad side to bear — gave us three broad sides we still firing our Stearn Chaces at her. Night coming on we Lost sight of her rec^{d} no other Damage from her than one twelve pound Shott in our main Mast — Judge her to be a British frigate of 32 Guns & the other Ships to be her Consorts — as she showed four Different Signals before she began to fire — at 4 A. M. saw the other two Ships the aforementioned one bore W. S. W. Standing to the Southward — At 10 A. M. Light Airs of Wind. Lost sight of the ships — Latt^{d} 43 .. 35 —

Monday July 3^{d} Light Winds at W. S. W. and pleas^{t} W^{r} Stand^{g} to the North Ward — at 10 P. M. saw a Light bear^{g} N. N. W. Judge it to be on the Land — at 6 A. M. Saw the Land — at 10 A. M. Halifax Light House bore N. E. B. E. Distance 5 or 6 Leagues — nothing remarkable till July 7th —

Friday July 7th Light Winds to the West^{d} foggy W^{r} Spoke with a Brig^{t} from Madeira Prize to the Saratoga belonging to Salem — at 4 A M Saw a Sail bear^{g} N. W.

B. N. gave Chace — at 6 Bro't her too prov^{d} to be a Brig^{t} from Lisbon Loadened wth Salt — prize to the Tyger, Latt^{d} 42 .. 47.

Monday July 10th Light Winds to the West, & foggy W^{r} Saw the Island of Titmanan, Mount Desert bear^{g} N. W. — at Meridian Mount Desert bore W. N. W. Distance 4 Miles —

Genl Wadsworth to Council.

Head Quarters, Falm^{o} 14 July 1780

Sir,

Last Even^{g} arrived an Express from Cambden informing me of a general uneasiness among the Troops at that place; that they had slung their packs with a determination to leave their post; & that with difficulty they were restrained for the present. The cause of their uneasiness is want of bread, of which they are now destitute, & of which they have had but little during the Campaign.

While with them faring as they did themselves, & by other means I endeavoured to keep up their spirits, & to give them Contentment. They were pretty easy when I left them. As soon as I can with propriety leave this Post I mean to return again. Should the troops at Cambden leave their Post thro' discontent, or be driven from it thro' weakness, the Consequence would be pernicious to the State: But I do not admit even the Idea. There is plenty of bread in the Country, & a supply might be had even in this part of it, if there was money, or measures adapted to procure it. I am persuaded that a number of Towns, or Individuals in towns would turn out a supply to my Order, were I empowered to draw upon the Treasury in their favour for a discount of taxes.

We have Reports of the arrival of a large British fleet at Hallifax, with 10, or 12 thousand troops on board. It is but Report; I shall however pay so much attention to it, as to enquire into the grounds of it, & to let Council know if I can discover any

I am Sir, with much Respect, your Honor's most obedient, humble Servant. Peleg Wadsworth

President of Council

P. S. Inclosed is an Inventory of Ordnance stores wanted for the Garrison at this place.

Letter of Alexander Campbell.

Machias July 18th 1780

Sir,

I have the Pleasure to inform you that I arrived safe at Machias the 12th of June after five Days Passage the several Receeipts for Suplys Shipd for that Department you will have Sent the Bord By Colo Allan your Honour may Remember I Receeived 15 Musquets for the Protection of the Vessel and Stores Down in Case of Boats — 12 of which I here Enclose you a Recept from the Comissary Smith three out of the 15 I beg Leave to Take to my Own Acct as the Militia are so indifferently found with few Arms there Seemd an Absolute Necserty or I Should not have kept them. What Ever the Value is I will Pay. the Enemy seem somthing Peacable at Bagadue at Present — pray God They may not be Permited to Tarry here another Winter, you Will please to make my Compliments to the gentlemen of the Bord I have: the Honour to Be With all Due Defference your Honours Most Obedient Humble Servt

Alex. Campbell

the Honbl Mr Savage

B. 17 Berls Beef 1 Do Pork 2 Cask Bacon Taken in Parker's

Peleg Wadsworth to Council.

Head Quarters Falm° 18 July 1780

This Certifies that under necessity I applied to the Town of N Glocester in the County of Cumberland, & received of Mr. Moses Bradbury Collector of s^d^ Town forty eight Bushels of Ind. Corn, delivered at N Yarmouth for the use of the Troops at Cambden, at sixty five Dollars p^r^ bushel; for which I gave Encouragement that he should have a discount of taxes in his first payment for this year; & request the Honble Council to give Order accordingly

P Wadsworth B Genl

To the Honble Council of Massachusetts Bay

Peleg Wadsworth to Council.

Head Quarters, Falm° 18 July 1780

This Certifies that under necessity I applyed to the Town of N Glocester in the County of Cumberland, & received of Mr Jacob Haskell Collector of s^d^ Town forty two bushels of Ind. Corn, delivered at N Yarmouth for the use of the Troops at Cambden, at sixty five Dollars p^r^ bushel for which I gave Encouragement that he should have a discount of taxes in his payment for this year; & request the Honble Council to give Order accordingly £873–0–0

Peleg Wadsworth B Genl

To the Honble Council of Massachusetts Bay

Tim° Parson's Mem° Respecting the Masts &c at Kennebeck.

Mr Samuel Toad has goot 2 Chains and 3 Staples that belonged to the Mast Boom at Kenebeck — and Mr Lambert

informs Me that Said Toad has got 1 pair of Jack Screws and One tomehawk About 20 p^{w} one Iron Crow and 3 Yards that Toad disposed of as Said Lambert Says

Timothy Parsons

Boston July 19th 1780

War Office to Saml Todd.

War Office, Boston, July 19, 1780

Information has been given the Board, that you refuse to deliver the Chains & Staples you received from Mr Lombard, and that you also withhold sundry other Articles the Property of the Public, we now call upon you to deliver the same immediately to Mr Timothy Parsons or Agent there or you may be assured we shall take proper steps to convince you that the Interest of Government is not to be triffled with —

Your hum Servt By Order of the Board

John Browne pres^{t} pro tem

Mr Saml Todd — Georgetown —

Memorand in re Gen Wadsworth for Use of Committee.

July 10 find Resolve Congress { has at Falm^{o} 2/3^{d} of the men ordered to be raised — & cannot augment the Troops at Cambden — by report he hears 800 men are recommended by Congress to be on Continental Establishment & would be highly conducive to the good of that department.

Desire a paymaster & Secretary — one person could act in both departments & is Necessary as they now devolve on him — which greatly Interferes with his duty in other respects.

Officers stand in need of money for their subsistence & privates find ye Necessity of some.

See the Letter to which some answer was given ye May, whether it was fully answered.

Wishes that the return of the Militia might be postponed to till January

14th July — Troops at Camden uneasy for want of Bread — Consequence would be pernicious should they leave it — plenty of Bread in the Country & a supply may be had even there, could he be allowed to disco^t their taxes by a Certificate to the Treasurer.

Ordinance Stores to be sent.

Peleg Wadsworth to Pres^t of Council.

Head Quarters, Falm^o 24 July 1780

Sir,

I have been honoured with yours of the 11 Inst: It gives me satisfaction that my Conduct meets with the approbation of the honb^le Board.

"Your Cannon stored in Penobscott River" are so much in the power of the Enemy, that to benefit the State with some part rather than none, & to deprive the Enemy of the advantage of the whole, to encourage Enterprize by which alone any can be saved I have offered one half to those who shall recover any. If I have done wrong I wish for your Honors Order in the Case.

I have now to acquaint your Honor that I have just received a line from Cambden, inclosing a Copy of a Proclamation from the Commanding Officers at Bigwaduce, requiring all the male Inhabitants on Penobscott & east Rivers above 14 years old to appear at Fort George on Bigwaduce by the 20 Inst: The Intent of this I suppose to be to oblige the Inhabitants to take an active decisive part. To prevent this a detachment has been made from Cambden up Penob-

scott River. This obliges me to order one Company from this Post to Cambden, where I shall repair myself immediately. I propose to set off tomorrow Morn^g^

On the night of the 15 Inst: Brigadier Cushing was kidnapped, taken from his house about 12° Clock at night & carried on board a boat in Kennebeck River. He was carried off by six armed men unknown. This is the last we know of him. He is supposed to be carried to Bigwaduce.

I am Sir, with sentiments of great Respect, your Honor's most obedient humble Servant

Peleg Wadsworth B Genl

Honble President of Council

P. S. if the Cannon Carriages mention'd in mine of the 14th Inst: are not begun or Sent, I am very desirous that they may be of the new Construction, as they would accomodate the Fort in which they are to be placed to very great advantage

P Wadsworth BG

Genl Wadsworth to Council.

Head Quarters, Falm° 24 July 1780

Sir,

Lieut: Stevens, who will deliver you this, takes from hence thirty Prisoners to be delivered to your Honor's Order at Boston. Part were taken by the Troops at Cambden, & part by the Protector. They will be distinguished by the inclosed list. I could wish the prisoners taken from Bigwaduce & in Penobscott Sound, when exchanged might be sent southward; as it will be in their power to do us much mischief on their return east.

I have to request that Mr. Stevens's Expences may be repaid him at Boston, as it was not in my power to furnish him with any public money from this place.

I have the honor to be your Honor's most obedient humble Servant Peleg Wadsworth B Gen[l]

Hon[ble] President of Council

Letter to this State's Delegates at Congress

Council Chamber July 26. 1780

Gentlemen

This State has endeavoured punctually to Comply with the Resolutions of Congress relative to y[e] articles they are required to furnish for the Army, as will more fully appear from the Resolves of the General Assembly which have been transmitted to Congress, Among other measures taken by the Assembly a Committee of three were Appointed to superintend the Purchases of the Articles aforesaid who reside at Springfield, a Letter has been received from the Committee beforementioned extracts from which you have Inclosed representing that the Department of the Commissary General being in a Disordered Condition, Col° Dyer from Connecticut has been lately in Town relative to the same business & has represented that after the State of Connecticut have purchased & collected their monthly Quota of supplies for y[e] Army they can find no Person to whom to deliver them in order to their being Transported to Head Quarters — That finding the Army here greatly distressed for Provisions that Government had Undertaken to transport Provisions & to drive Cattle to the Borders of New York & finding no Person impowered to Receive them they had been oblidged to transport & Drive them to Gen[l] Washington's Camp & in order to defrey the Expences of such Transportation they had been

oblidged to sell the Cattle Upon the Road — We are sorry to find the Business of this Department in such a State of Diserangement, Certainly this Matter ought to be attended to Immediately, otherways the Army must suffer Extremely if they are not oblidged to Disband.—

The Committee aforementioned have also represented that Col° Wadsworth late Commissary General had applied to them in behalf of the French Army at Newport to supply him with one hundred head of Cattle weekly & also a Considerable Quantity of grain for Storage, we should be glad to be immediately informed whether the French Army was Considered in the General Estimate & whether what this State may furnish for this Purpose will be considered as part of their Quota of the Supplies for ye Army —

The Expence that has accrued to this State by the Expedition to Penopscot lays very Heavy upon this State & has greatly Embarrassed us with respect to our finances, People thro the State have been very uneasy that this Expence has not been reimbursed by the Continent, as they conceive they have just Claim to it not only by the Resolves of Congress but by the Articles of the Confederation, The Warrant that has been Issued by Congress for two million of Dollars in favor of the Council of this State upon this occasion has given some small relief but it is the general expectation that something decisive should be done by Congress relative to this matter & you are hereby instructed to bring this Business before Congress & obtain their final determination upon it. If the final Result of Congress should be not to defrey this Expence, we fear such an uneasiness will take place as will greatly Impede Public Measures as will Essentially Injure the Common Cause & finally create a greater Expence to the Continent than if the determination of Congress had been otherways

Peleg Wadsworth to President of Council.

Waldoborough 28 July 1780

Sir,

I am now on my return from Falm° to Thomaston. At this place I meet Mr. Thomas, Quartermaster & Commissary for the eastern department, bound to Boston. He informs me that our stores at Thomaston & Cambden are nearly exhausted.

Bread we have been destitute of for a number of weeks past; & shall be destitute of every thing else in a very short time, unless immediately supplied. A few days will end our present stock. I therefore must urge that Mr. Thomas may be enabled to supply us immediately.

A quantity of amunition &c is also wanted; a schedule of which is inclosed. I am Sir, your Honor's most obedient & humble Servant

Peleg Wadsworth B G

Honble President of Council.

List of Officers Reported by Genl Wadsworth.

	Commissioned Officers					Staff Officers				
	Lieu^t Col^l	1st Major	2^d Major	Captains	Subalterns	Chaplains	Adjutant	Q Master	Surgeon	Mate
At Falmouth	1	1	"	4	6	"	1	1	"	"
At Thomaston	"	"	"	1	2	"	"	"	1	"
At Cambden	"	"	1	6	10					
Total	1	1	1	11	18	"	1	1	1	"

	Non Comm'd		Rank & File					
	Sargeants	Drum' & Fifer	present fit for duty	Sick present	Sick absent	on Command	on Furlo'	Total
At Falmouth	16	6	87	9	4	43	5	148
At Thomaston	4	2	40	2	"	2	3	47
At Cambden	21	7	57	13	4	117	10	201
Total	31	15	178	24	8	162	18	896

At Falmouth : 1 Capt Lieut. & 28 Matrosses

Absent of the Above on Command.

	Major	Capt	Subs	Sargts	Rank & File
At Machias			1	2	31
At Penobscot River, Sound &c in Whale Boats	1	2	3	5	119
A Guard at Mouth St Georges River				1	12
Total	1	2	4	8	162

Thomaston 1 August 1780

P Wadsworth B G

Petition of Caleb Graffam.

To the Honorable Council and the Honorable House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled —

The Petition of Caleb Graffam of Windham in the County of Cumberland & State aforesaid — humbly shews that in the year 1773 he was chosen by the said Town of Windham to collect the sums assessd on the hundred acre Lots there

agreeably to an act of the General Court intituled "An Act impowering the Assessors of the Town of Windham in the County of Cumberland to assess yearly for the three Years next ensuing one penny half penny p^r Acre on every of the hundred Acre Lots in said Town already lotted out and not otherwise taxed, ministerial and School Lands in Said Town excepted" That he posted up true Copies of the Lists of Assessments committed to him by the Assessors as in & by said Act was directed, in the Towns of Windham Falmouth and Marblehead — That although in Cases wherein he shall not be concerned he supposes his declaration on Oath of such notifications, will be a sufficient evidence thereof. Yet in Cases wherein he may be interested he is doubtful whether it would be sufficient — That he can procure Evidence of his having posted up such notifications in the Towns of Windham & Falmouth — but on Account of the Death & Removal of a great number of Persons who then lived in Marblehead he finds himself unable to obtain sufficient evidence of their being posted up there —

He therefore humbly prays your Honours to enact or Resolve either that his Oath of his posting up the lists aforesaid in the three Towns above mentioned shall be considered a sufficient Evidence of such notifications — or that other Evidence of the Same, being posted up in the Towns of Windham & Falmouth agreeably to the Act aforesaid shall in cases wherein he may be interested avail to all intents & purposes as though such Evidence of their being posted up in all the said Towns cou'd be obtained — And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Caleb Graffam

Windham August 2^d 1780
State of Massachusetts Bay
Cumberland ss

Certificate of Saml Freeman.

Falmouth Decr 16th 1778

Caleb Graffam having been chosen by the Town of Windham in said County A. D. 1773 to collect the sums assessed on the hundred acre Lots there agreeably to an Act made & passed the said year by the General Assembly of the said State intituled "An Act impowering the Assessors of the Town of Windham in the County of Cumberland to assess yearly for three years next ensuing one Penny half Penny p^r Acre on every of the hundred Acre lots in said Town already lotted out and not otherwise taxed Ministerial and School Lots in said Town excepted." appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, and made Oath that he posted up Copies of the within Notification in said Windham, in Falmouth the Shire Town of the County aforesaid, and in the Town of Marblehead two Months before the 26th December in the year aforesaid as in and by the said Act was directed

Samuel Freeman

True Copy
Attest
John Avery Secy

Notice of Tax Sale of Land in Windham.

Whereas the Assessors of the Town of Windham in the County of Cumberland on the sixth Day of December 1773 assessed one Penny half Penny Per Acre on the several hundred Acre Lots in said Windham being unimproved and not otherwise taxed gave public Notice thereof and that said Tax was delivered Caleb Graffam Collector to collect agreeable to the Directions of the Province Law in that Case made and provided and Whereas the Owners or Proprietors of the Lotts hereafter mentioned have neglected to pay said Tax, this is

to give public notice that in Pursuance of said Act or Law so much of the Lotts of such delinquent Owners or Proprietors and no more will be sold at public Vendue on Monday the Twenty sixth Day of December next at the House of Richard Mayberry Inholder of the Town of Windham as will be sufficient to pay such Tax upon them respectively and intervening Charges The following are the Lists which are delinquent (List follows)

Windham 11th Octr 1774

True Copy

Attest

John Avery Sec'y

Thomas Trott } Assessors
Ichabod Hanson } of
Hugh Crague } Windham

Certificate of Genl Wadsworth.

Head Quarters, Thomaston, 4 Aug: 1780

This Certifies that the Bearer, Roby Lydstone, a Deserter from the Massachusetts line in the Continental Army, voluntarily delivered himself to me in order to return to his duty, & to receive the Benefit of Genl Washington's Pardon offered agreeable to a request of this State of the 5 May 1780; & is permitted to pass directly to join the Continental Army

Peleg Wadsworth B Genl

Letter of Genl Wadsworth to Council.

Head Quarters, Thomaston, 7 Aug: 1780

Sir,

Agreeable to a Letter from the Honble Council of the 11th Ultº I have sent forward to Boston what Deserters belonged to this Camp, & those I could collect round about: And fully to carry into effect the good Intentions of Council, I have

signified to all Deserters in the Counties, Lincoln, Cumberland & York from the Massachusetts line in the Continental Army, that whoever shall deliver himself to me, or to the Council at Boston before the 25 Ist shall receive the Benefit of Gen[l] Washington's Pardon, and Money at Boston sufficient to bear his Expences to Gen[l] Washington's Head Quarters. The distance those in the Counties of Cumberland & York must travel east, in order to deliver themselves to me, is the reason why I have directed them to Council.

If I mistake not the Enemy at Bigwaduce are practising a piece of Deceit with the Commissary of prisoners at Boston, by exchanging the Paroles of sundry persons taken at Bigwaduce, for Prisoners of war at Boston, many of which persons I suppose are clandestine Traders with the Enemy: & the better to cover their Iniquity & serve the Enemy, pretend to have been taken prisoners & admitted to their paroles. These by being exchanged have it in their power to repeat their treasonable practices; & the Enemy are much served by having their prisoners of war exchanged for them.

A number of such Paroles have been offered to me by Capt. Mowatt in exchange for prisoners of war, together with the Paroles of many persons taken in their boats & Canoes in fishing. The first I have refused to exchange at all, & the last I offered to exchange by picking up the like number of (those that He call'd) British subjects, employ'd in their own private business, from parts adjoining to Bigwaduce, & with them to make an exchange in Case an Exchange was insisted upon: Should this fraud be practising at Boston, it may easily be detected.

I should be glad to be informed of the general principle & mode of Exchanges that is adopted by the State.

Brigadier Cushing still remains a prisoner at Bigwaduce. I beg leave to ask if there is no prisoner in the State or Con-

tinental parole, or otherwise, that would make a suitable exchange? The Brig^{r} is very desirous to be exchanged, & desires to know what Rank he ought to hold with a Continental officer.

There have been a considerable number of Coasters & small Fishermen taken on this Coast of late, & principally by two small Cruisers, commanded by Fullerton & Pomeroy, who lately escaped from Boston Goal

On the fourth Inst: I sent off a small detachment of 12 men in a whale Boat for Machias under the direction of Capt. Prebble, who is lately from that Post by order of Col^{n} Allan, It was not in my power to send Col^{n} Allan the men he urged for & expected.

The Inclosed is a Return of the Troops under my Command. I have the honour to be Sir with Respect & Esteem Your most humble Servt

Peleg Wadsworth B G

Petition of Stephen Longfellow.

State of the Massachusetts Bay } To the Honb^{le} the Councill
Cumberlands } & House of Representatives of s^{d} State:

Stephen Longfellow late of Falmouth in s^{d} County Esqr humbly shews — that his Son Capt Saml Longfellow late of s^{d} Falmouth having return^{d} from Sea just before the burning of that Town the Vessell whereof he was Master being hall'd into the wharf was burnt at that Time, by means whereof & Navigation being then Dull he was thrown out of business and continued so until the latter End of the Year 1777 at which Time having obtained Letters of Recommendation from some Gentlemen in Falmouth to Mr Corne-

lius Durant of the Island of St Croix in the West Indies Merch^{t} he took Passage there in order to get Business he was soon put in Mate of a Vessell — made one Voyage and return'd to St Croix again and was then put in Master of a small Sloop & Cruis'd among the West India Islands, After this Viz^{t} in the fall of the Year 1778 he got to be Master of another Sloop and went to Virginia & has been constantly imploy'd from Virginia to the West Indies ever since till last Chrismas saving when he was driven on Shore or taken by the British Vessells which has happened two or three Times, last Christmas he came to Virginia very sick & remained so all last Winter and Spring insomuch that his Physicians advised him to come to the Northward for his Health but as he was bound hither he had the misfortune once more to be taken by the Britons and carried into New York & there he now is a Prisoner very weak and Low if alive — But it so happens that notwithstanding he has I am persuaded never so much as had the least intention to go over to Join the Enemy, yet his name is inserted in the Law that is made against those that have — His Case is very singular by the Britons he is taken and treated as an Enemy and kept a Prisoner there; and by the Authority of this State accus'd of having joind them & the severest punishments awaits him here — I think I can truly say that there is no Judicious Person this Way that has heard of his Transactions since he left Home but think his Names being inserted among those who had join'd the Enemy was an Error — Wherefore I humbly request he may have permission from your Honours to return Home for recovery of his Health and to make his Innocence appear, and as in Duty bound shall ever pray —

Stephen Longfellow
in Behalf of his Son

Gorham Augt 10th 1780

In Council Sep^{t} 12^{t} 1780

Read & Ordered that Samuel Niles Esq with such as the Honble House shall join be a Committee to take into Consideration this Petition together with the Papers Accompanying the same to report what may be proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives Sep^{t} 13, 1780

Read & concurred & Maj^{r} Goodman & Brig^{r} Preble are join'd

John Hancock Spk^{r}

The Committee of both Houses to whom was referr'd the Petition of Stephen Longfellow in behalf of Samuel Longfellow report the following resolve

Sam Niles pr order

State of Mass^{ts} Bay

In Council Septem^{r} 14th 1780

Whereas the Name of Samuel Longfellow was inserted in an Act pass^{d} the 16th of October 1778 intitled an Act to prevent the return to this State of certain persons therein named, and others, who have left this State, or either of the United States and joyn'd the Enemies thereof, and whereas it appears to this Court by a Deposition — Certificate and other papers that said Name was inserted thro' a mistake

Therefore Resolved that Samuel Longfellow be and hereby is permitted to return to this State from New York, where he is now retained as a Prisoner of this State, the Exclusion Act aforesaid notwithstanding —

In Council Sep^{t} 14^{t} 1780

Read & Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Sep^{t} 14th 1780
Read & concurr'd

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Consented to —

J Bowdoin	D Davis	Jno Pitts
T Cushing	T Danielson	Aaron Wood
W Spooner	N Cushing	Caleb Strong
B. White	Sam Niles	Thos Durfee
B Austin	J Simpson	Step^{n} Choate

Certificate of Jas. Johnson.

Camp at Falmouth 10th Augst 1780

This Cartefeth that Robby Lydston was a Solder in Capt Bragdens Comp^{y} Coll Proms Reg^{t} Now Doing Duty at the Eastward, has Sarv^{d} four months in s^{d} Comp^{y} & Regm^{t} as a good Solder & then oned he was a Deserter from the Contoannental Army, & is now on his way to Head Qur^{trs} to join his Regm^{t} It therefore Recommended to any Contanental or State Comisery to supply him with pervison one his way to Boston

Jas Johnson Major

Petition of Joseph Ingraham.

State of Masachusets Bay,

Cumberland Augst 15th 1780

To the Honourable the Council of said State — Humbly shews, Joseph Ingraham of Falmouth in s^{d} County Merch^{t} — That your Petitioner has at great Charge built a Schooner of About Thirty Tons called the Success, now laying at his Warfe near ready to sail with a proper Cargo for the West Indias navigated by four men — That the Merchants and

Traders in s^d^ Falmouth having lost almost all their Vessels this War, the Inhabitants reduced to many Difficultys for want of necessaries from the West Indias where your Petitioner is willing to resque his Interest for his own Profit as well as to accomedate his Friends & Neighbours,

That the Navil Officer here declines clearing out said Vessell as he understands there is an Act of Court laying an Imbargo Though he has not been furnish with It. Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays, that your Honours would be pleased to allow the Navil Officer here to clear out said Vessell for said Voyage, the said Imbargo notwithstanding —and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever Pray, &c

Joseph Ingraham

Council Chamber Augt 21^t^ 1780

Read & Ordered that the Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth be and hereby is directed to clear out the Schooner Success of about Thirty Tons belonging to Joseph Ingraham for the West Indias any Embargo to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Attest Jno Avery D Secy.

Superscribed — The Honourable Jeremiah Powell Esqr President of Council Boston fav^r^ Capt Harper —

Memorial of Waterman Thomas.

To the Honb^le^ Council of the State Massachusetts Bay

Boston August 21st 1780

The Memorial of Waterman Thomas Humbly Shews That your Memoralist was Appointed by your Hon^r^ in Febr^y^ last Commisary, for the Troops at Cambden, under the Command of Brig^d^ Genl Wadsworth and Received Provision for 100 Men three Months Except, the Allowance of Bread, One Quarter part Short, and have been Continued in the same

office at Cambden, and have Recv^{d} 1500^{w} Flour Only for to Supply the 300 Men at Cambden by which Reason I have been Obliged to Purchase 200 bushels of Corn, for which I was Obliged to Advance my Own Money, as also, a Considerable Sum, to Transport the Provisien to the Troops as I have never been furnished with any Money from the Q M G Department, & Coll^{o} Chase informes me it is not in his Power, to Supply me with any Money, I have Recv^{d} Orders upon the Collecter in the County of Lincoln for Money Sufficient to Purchase Meat, and are Supplied with Rice & fish from Mr Richardson, but no Bread & Mr Richardson informes me it is out of his power to Furnish me with any bread, and unless your Hon^{rs} in your Wisdom will Order a Supply of Bread It will be impossible to keep the Troops in the Field, upon Beef & Rice Only, Your Memoralist would further Represent to your Honours that the Vessel which had the Provision & Ammunition on Board has Returned to this Harbour Yesterday, by Reason of the Cruzers being so thick upon the Coast thought not Prudant to proceed without a Convoy, Wherefore your Memst prays that your Honr^{s} would take the Matter into your Wise Consideration, and as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray &cc.

Waterman Thomas A D C G Jr. & A D Q M G

Petition of Ethan Moore.

To the Hon-ble the Council of the State of Mass^{ts} Bay

The Petition of Ethan Moore humbly Shews.

That there is wanted for the Garrison at Falm^{o} the following Ordinance Stores. Viz^{t} 6 Boxes of Musket Balls of different Sizes 2 Speaking Trumpets 4 Hour Glasses 6 Budge Barrels 3000 Flints Reaming Irons from 18 Pounds to 6 Pounds 5 Carriages for Six Pounders 9 Harnesses for the Waggons

Your Petitioner begs your Honors would give him an Order for the above Articles, and as in Duty bound shall ever pray — Ethan Moore Lieut Artillery

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber Augt 22^{d} 1780

Read & Ordered — that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to furnish Ethan Moore Lieu^{t} of Artillery at Falmouth in the County of Cumberland with Six Boxes of Musquet Balls of Different Sizes, two Speaking Trumpets four hour Glasses, Six Budge Barrels three thousand Flints Reaming Irons from 18 pounds to Six pounds, five Carriage for Six pounders and Harnesses for the Waggons for the Use of the Garrison at Said Falmouth and Charge the same to the Continental Acc^{t}

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Order in Favor of Charles Miller.

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber Augt 23^{d} 1780

Whereas it hath been represented by Charles Miller Esqr that the Troops stationed in the Eastern part of this State are entirely destitute of Bread and that he has no public Money in his Hands to procure the same which Causes great Complaints in the Army and has applied to this Board for the Loan of five thousand Dollars, (New Money) to enable him to procure the necessary Supplies & also to provide for the Cartels in the Harbour of Boston

Therefore Ordered that it be and it is hereby recommended to Nathl Appleton Esqr Commissioner of Loans to furnish Charles Miller Esqr Commissary for purchases for the Continental Army with five thousand Dollars (New Money) to enable him to make the purchases aforesaid

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Petition Inhabitants Plantation of Little Falls.

Honble President of Council
To the honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of the Massachusetts Bay in General Court Asembled at Boston August 23 A: D 1780

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Plantation of Little Falls in the County of York and State afore Said Humbely Shew that they Labour Under Some Difficulties for want of the aforesaid Plantations Being Properly bounded out or haveing the Bounds Established which hath ben formerly aloughed V^iz^ as the Committe Chosen by the Town of Coxhall to Run Round and make Bounds agreeable to the Incorperation of said Coxhall passed this honorable Court April 24th 1780

Run in apon the afore said Plantation at the Loar End at the head of Bideford about one & a Quarter of a mile as appears on the Plan of the afore said Plantation which hath Len Run Round and Pland Sence Coxhall was Incorperated then they Run there Cors N 26 Degrees west which in Runing the Eight Miles up Leaves the aforesaid Plantation four Miles wide at the head which takes a goor out of the aforesaid Plantation one & a Quarter of a Mile wide at the Loar End Runing to Northing at the head said goor Includes seven Inhabitants that Properly belong to this Plantation which Coxhall hath Included in their Incorperation

another Disadvantage attends your petitioners for want of Being Incorperated and Autherised as a Town to Act in meny Cases In keeping the Roads in good Repair there is a great Deal of Bad Road in this Plantation which wants mending and Briges wants Some New Bilding and others Repairing and no body to do it for there is a great Deal of Transporting by Carage through this Plantation being a great body of back Settlement

Incorperation or being Authorized to act as a Town to Raise and Collect Money we Conclud wood help us in Reguard to Raiseing our Coto of Soldiers Requiered of us it wood be a Priviledg in other Cases which are not mentioned.

Your Petitioners therefore Humbley Pray this honorable Court to alough and Establish the Bounds of this Plantation as aforesaid and Incorperate the Same agreeable to the aforesaid Plan taking it begining at Saco River at the head of Bideford so Runing South west by the head of Bideford and Arendal four Miles then Runing North fourteen Degrees West Eight Miles then Norath East four miles to Saco River and by Said River to the first begining and as in duty Bound will Ever pray

Edward Smith	Trustrum Hooper	William Wadlin
George Hooper	Zebulun Drew	Benja Goodwin
Samuel hill Clark	John Gordan	Zebulon Gordon
Moses Wadlin Jones	Jacob Roach	Daniel Townsend
Joseph Chadbourn	Nathaniel Guden	John Penny
Humphrey Dyer	John Young	Nathanel Goodwin
Joseph Deven	George Hooper Juner	Moses Wadlin
Robert Haley	Isaac Townsend	Phines Downs
David Young	Jedidiah Smith	John Smith

In the house of Represen^{s} Sepr 20, 1780

The Committee upon the within Petetion have Examined into the facts set fourth in S^{d} Petetion And altho we had not full Evidance of the Mistake Complaind of in the Runing of the line of Coxhall yet are of opinion that as Coxhall has ben latly Incorporated has taken off Seven of the Inhabitants of S^{d} Plantation of little Falls which has heretofore ben accounted Inhabitants of S^{d} Little falls in the Tax acts and when Said Plantation shall make it appear to this Court that it is the fact they ought to be abated for the Polls & Estates Taken from them & that the same shall be added to Coxhall

and when the head lines of Biddeford Arundall & Wells are made certain it will Be and the East line of Coxhall is made Certain it will be for the Good of Said Plantation that it should be Incorporated into a Town

And your Committe are further of opinion that there are Lands lying there belonging to this State worth the attention of the General Court to Enquire after

Benj[a] Chadbourne p[r] Orders

Little Falls

Address to the Indians of the Eastern Tribe.

Aug 23 80

(Seal)

Brothers ¶ Your Belt of Wampum transmitted by our Brother Col[o] John Allen appointed by the Great Congress of America as agent to our Brethren in the Eastern Department has been presented by James Avery Esq[r] his Secretary with your Speech professing your Love, Zeal, and Attachment to the United States and to our Brother the King of France.

We do in behalf of the Great Congress of the United States of America sincerely thank you for the Love and Friendship you have exprest for both Nations, and as a Testimony thereof and for continuing the Alliance which have so long subsisted between Us, have returned your Belt of Friendship with a Medal thereunto Affixed expressive of our Sincerity towards our good Brothers (the Indians) in the Eastern part of this State. Our Brother the Sieur Valnais Consul of France will affix a Medal in behalf of our illustrious ally the King of France to the other end of the Belt as a token of his Friendship

Brothers We cant help expressing our Grief at your going to S[t] Johns to see a Priest employed by our inveterate

and cruel Enemy for the purpose of diverting your Attention from these United States, and breaking the Chain of Friendship between Us, and especially when it was Contrary to the Advise and Opinion of our Brother Col° John Allen; however we overlook this at this Time, and shall have no more thought of it, but fully expect that no such step will be taken in the future, and that the Chain which has so long united us together might be kept bright & unbroken, but we can't help signifying our Approbation at the Answer you gave the Priest on St Johns River that you was determined to remain firm Friends to the Americans and we are glad to find that you have moved (after seeing the Priest) into the interior parts of the country towards Passamaquody Lakes approaching nearer to your American Brothers.

We are sorry we have not been able to send you more supplies for yourselves and Families — It was not for want of a good Heart towards you — but having so large an Army to provide for; we were obliged to let every one have part — however hope soon to be enabled to send you more supplies and to make you and your Families as comfortable as possible, We are sorry to inform you that by reason of a very great Drought, provisions will be greatly shortened this year.

Brothers Your good, and ancient Fathers the French, our great, good, and illustrious Allies hearing of the destitute Situation you were in upon Account of a Reverend Father to take Care of your Souls, have in their Great Goodness sent one, to whom you may tell your Faults, & he will hear you, and will administer the Sacrament of his Order in your own Way — his stay will be but short as he cannot be spared from those he came with, and nothing but the Love they bare you could have prevailed on our good Allies to send the Reverend Father to you —

Brothers Our Brother Allen will communicate to you all the News and other Matters — what he says to you, you may believe as coming from us — he is our Mouth to speak to you — what he says you may depend upon —

Brothers Adieu, may God bless you and preserve you, your Chiefs, Sachems, Young Men Women and Children —

In Testimony of our Sincerity, we have in behalf of the Great Congress of the United States of America hereunto set our Hands and caused the Great Seal of this State to be Affixed at our Council Chamber in Boston this twenty third Day of August 1780 and in the fifth Year of the Independence of the United States of America

Pres^t

To the Chiefs, Sachems, and Young Men of the Different Tribes of Indians under Col^o John Allen superintendant of Indian Affairs in the Eastern Department

Petition of P. Frederic.

Humble Petition of P. Frederic Chaplain of the Vessels of his Majesty King of France to the Honourable Council of State of Massachuset's Bay

P. Frederic Chaplain of the Vessels of his Majesty the King of France intreats the Honorable Council of State of Massachusets Bay, saying, that, the Colonell Allen having asked one Priest for the Savages of Machias and of the countries around, and the General Heath having demanded him to ours General & Admiral at Rhode Island, they have permitted me to go to Machias what I made willingly, in order to be as useful to the Christian Religion & to the advantage of my King and of his allies as I could, The said Frederic hopes that you will help his intentions and he therefore intreats your Justice to send him to his Mission as quick as you coud and to be so kind as to furnish to him all things

necessary for his voyage, for attracting the Savages and specially for the exercise of his ministery's offices. He also intreats you to grant to him Gideon De Lesdernier who has conducted him here for his interpret, as well to give to the said De Lesdernier a reward for his past pains and for his future employment. This Gentleman deserves that you make something for him. His love for the cause of United States induced him to lev the New Scotia & so he lost all his goods, and he has one of his Sons Lieutenant at Machias to the service of this State. The Said Frederic hopes from your Justice a favourable answer to this Petition and he will never cease to make wishes to the Heaven for your prosperity

P. Frederic

Chaplain of the Vessels of his Majesty King of France

Boston 23d August 1780

State of Massttts Bay

Council Chamber Augt 24t, 1780

Read & Ordered — that Gideon de Lesdernier be and hereby is permitted to Attend the Chaplain of the Vessels of his Majesty the King of France as an Interpret upon his Mission among the Different Tribes of Indians in the Eastern part of this State under the Superintendency of Colo John Allen and that the Said Gideon be & he hereby is directed to apply to the General Court for a Compensation for his Said Services.

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Memorial of Charles Miller.

To the Hon'ble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial of Charles Miller Commissary humbly sheweth —

That the Commissary of Prisoners has made a demand on your Memorialist for a large Quantity Salted Beef & hard

Bread to Supply the Prisoners that your Honors hath directed him to Send away in the Flaggs now in the Harbour — That the Troops Stationed at the Eastern part of this State are Intirely destitute of Bread, which Causes great uneasiness in the Army — That your Memorialist has not any Public money in his hands to procure the above mentioned Articles. That unless your honors can point out some way that your Memorialist can be supplyd with Cash, The Prisoners must remain on board the Prison ship at a very great Expence to the United States, And the Army at the Eastward must Still be without Bread — Your memorialist with due Submission woud Propose, that your Honors woud recommend to Nathaniel Appleton Esq Commissinor of the Loan office to lend your Memorialist Five thousand Dollars (New money) which will enable him to procure the Necessary Supplys

Your memorialist will as in duty bound ever pray

Charles Miller D C G P^{r}

Order in Favor of Robby Lydston.

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber Augt 24^{t} 1780

Whereas Robby Lydston of Kittery in the County of York has very inconsiderately deserted from the Mass^{tts} Line in the Continental Service and is now become liable to the Penalties of an Act to prevent Desertion and having come to a Sense of his Duty and willing to return to the Corps from which he deserted and to receive the Benefits of Said Act and also the Benefit of his Excellency General Washingtons Pardon Offered agreeable to a Request of this State of the 5th of May 1780 Therefore Ordered that it be and it is hereby recommended to his Excellency General Washington to receive the Said Robby Lydston into favour and to grant

a full pardon to the Said Deserter — The Expiration of the Time limited for Deserters in the Continental Service to take the Benefit of Said Act of pardon notwithstanding

Attest John Avery D Secy.

Jas. Avery to Council Respecting Priest.

Sir

I beg leave to inform the Honble Board that the Priest going to Machias, is Desirous that Mr Gideon Delesdernier shoud Accompany him as an Interpreter — therefore must beg your Honors would give Directions respecting him —

Agreeable to your Honors Directions I have made out an Estimate of what will be Necessary for the Priests Sea Stores & such other Articles as he will want at Machias that Cannot be procured there Viz — 14 ^pd^ Coffee — 28 ^pd^ Sugar — ¼ C^t^ bread 20 ^pd^ flour, 30 ^pd^ Salt Pork 20 ^pd^ Fresh Meat — 6 ^pd^ Butter — 2 Gallons Rum & 15 Gallons Wine, for his use & for the purpose of the Ceremonies in the business of his order.

I have the Honor to be With the Greatest Respect Sir your most Ob^t^ Hble Se^t^

Ja^s^ Avery, Agent for Colo Allan

Council Chamber Augt 24^t^ 1780

Read & Ordered — That it be & it is hereby recommended to James Richardson Esqr Comissary of Isues to furnish James Avery for the Use of the french Priest bound to Machias with fourteen pounds of coffee, twenty Eight pounds of Sugar, One Quarter of a hundred of Bread, twenty pounds of Flour, thirty pounds of Salt Pork, twenty pounds of fresh Meat, Six pounds of Butter, two Gallons of Rum & fifteen Gallons of Wine — & Charge the Same to the Continental Account —

Attest Jn° Avery D Secy.

Petition of Nathaniel Deering et als.

State Massachusetts Bay

Cumberland Falmouth Augt 24th 1780

To the Honourable Council of Said State—

The Petition of Nath^{ll} Dearing & others owner of a Small Schooner called the Greyhound of about thirty six tons Navigated by four men bound for the Westindies Henry Elwell Master Humbly Shews—

That this Town are in great want of many Necessaries from the Westindies; the merchants here having lost almost all their Vessells during the War; that Your Petitioners have exerted themselves to procure a Load of Lumber & Fish for said schooner & as she is now Ready, but the Naval Officer cannot clear out said Vessell by Reason of an Act of Court laying an embargo on all Vessells for Reasons therein mention'd which Your Petitioners expected would have been taken of before now & should your Petitioners Vessell be detain'd it would be detrimental to them as well as a great disappointment to the Neighbouring Towns for want of many necessaries from the Westindies owing in a great measure to the unhappy losses of Vessells belonging to this port. Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly pray that Your Honours will be pleas'd to allow the Naval Officer here to clear out said Schooner for the Westindies the Said embargo Notwithstanding and Your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever pray &c

Nathaniel Deering

Council Chamber Augt 30^{t} 1780

R^{d} & Ordered that the Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth be and hereby is directed to clear out the Sch^{r} called the Greyhound Henry Elwell Master with Fish & Lumber on Board for the W. Indies Any Embargo to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Attest

Jno Avery D Secy

Petition of John Archer et als.

State of Massachusets Bay

Cumberland Falmouth Augt 24th 1780

To the Honourable Council of Said State

The Petition of Jn° Archer & others owners of a Small Schooner called the Dispatch of about 50 Tons, Navigated with Six men, bound for the west Indies, Jonathan Paine Master Humbly Shew,—

That this Town are in great want of Many Necessaries from the West Indies; the Merchants here having lost almost all their Vessels During the War; that Your Petitioners have exerted themselves to procure a Load of Boards Shingles and fish for Said Schooner and she is now ready for Sea, but the Naval Officer cannot clear out Said Vessel by Reason of an Act of Court laying an Imbargo on all Vessels for Reasons therein mentioned, which your Petitioner Expected would have been taken off before now, and Shou'd Your Petitioner's Vessel be detain'd, it would be detrimental to them as well as a great Disappointment to the Neighbouring Towns, for want of many necessaries from the West Indies, owing in a great measure to the unhappy Losses of Vessels belonging to this Port. Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that Your Honours will be pleased to allow the Naval Officer here to clear out Said Schooner for the West Indies; the Said Imbargo notwithstanding; and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c Jn° Archer

Council Chamber Augt 30th 1780

Read & Ordered that Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth be and hereby is directed to clear out the Schooner called the Dispatch Jonathan Paine Master, with Fish & Lumber on Board for the W. Indies — Any Embargo to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Attest Jn° Avery D Secy

Parole of Charles Cushing.

I Charles Cushing Esqr Brigadier General of Militia and High Sheriff of the County of Lincoln hereby acknowledge to have been Made Prisoner of War by Captain Jones of the Kings Rangers and being permitted by Lt Colonel Commandant John Campbell of the 74th Regiment and Commanding Officer at Fort George Penobscot to return to my Dwelling house on Parole and Liberty to go to Boston or any other part of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in order to Effectuate an Exchange of Nathaniel Gardiner Master of the Golden Pippin Schooner, Sergeant Duncan Mac. Grigor and Robert Watt private of the 74th Regiment, and James Maishead private of the Royal Artillery, for persons of their Rank and to procure an exchange of Major De Wint of Lt. Colonel Bayards Regiment for myself which if not executed I do hereby promise and engage on my most Sacred Word of Honor to deliver myself up a prisoner to said Colonel Campbell or officer Commanding at Fort George within the Space of Forty days from the Date hereof Major De Wint being allowed the same time and I also promise on my sacred Honor not to Say, do or cause to be said or done, anything to the prejudice of Great Britain or give any intelligence to the Enemies thereof, but in all things behave myself agreeable to this Obligation In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand this Thirty First day of August 1780

Chas Cushing (Copy)

Resolve of a Grant to John Langdon £35–0–0.

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives, for the State of Massachusetts Bay Sep^{t} 1780 —

The petition of John Langdon of Pownalboro': in the County of Lincoln Humbly Sheweth —

That your petitioner commenced an Action in September 1779 against James Cargill of Newcastle in a plea of Covenant broken, which action was continued to June last, and then by Mutual consent referred to three Gentlemen of the first Character for knowledge and Integrity in the County of Lincoln. They had a very fair and full hearing, the Account of Damages sustained, was carefully examined by them, and the said Cargill declared himself perfectly satisfyed with the report of said Referees, upon which the Judgment for Thirteen thousand one hundred and twenty three pounds, Eighteen Shillings Damage, and twenty two pounds sixteen Shillings Costs, was founded —

That a petition in favour of the said Cargill was prefered to the Honorable General Court in June last, for his relief. That the said petition Explicitly declared the aforesaid Judgement to be Just, notwithstanding which the Honorable General Court in June last Issued their Order for the staying the Execution of the Judgement afores'd, and cited your Memorialist near two hundred Miles from his place of abode to shew cause, wherefore the said Judgement should be executed a Judgement that the Debtor, and the Petitioners, acknowledged to be Just!

Your petitioner has heretofore, ever conceived it his Duty to pay the most sacred regard and Obedience to the resolve and Orders of the Honorable the General Court, and upon that principle, has been attending from the twenty second of August, to this day, to shew cause wherefore the said Judgement should be executed, altho' the unreasonableness of said requisition is to many, most apparent —

Your petitioner begs leave, further, to inform your Honors that he has suffered great, and substantial Damage by your Honors Order aforesaid, as it has prevented his cuting about ten loads of Grass on the said James's Estate whereby it has

taken as much money out of your petitioners pockett as the said Grass was reasonably worth and also the sum of £1030..4/.— which your petitioner has been obliged to expend in Obeying your honors Order aforesaid. An Injury which he is firmly persuaded this Honorable Court will never permitt any subject of the State to suffer — Your petitioner therefore humbly prays such relief may be granted him as your honors in your great Wisdom may think fitt and as in duty bound will ever pray — John Langdon

[Bill of expense follows here]

The Petition of Mrs. Barbara Ross.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Falmouth Sept 1st 1780

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of sd State

The Petition of Barbara Ross humbly shews —

That on the 14th April A. D. 1779 she obtained permission of the Honorable Court to go in a Cartel to New York — where her Husband then was — That her Husband leaving New York soon after — she thought proper to suspend her Resolution of going there — That she has lately been informed he is at Hallifax — and therefore humbly prays your Honours to permit her to go to that place instead of New York; and as Captain Arthur McLellan is willing to carry her there in the Schooner Hazard, burthen about twenty Tons if he can be permitted so to do — she further prays your Honours that he may be commissioned to go there in said Vessel as a Cartel; and furnish'd with the necessary Papers to carry your Petitioner & her family consisting of Maid and five Childring

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound shall ever pray

Barbara Ross

Petition of Richard Codman.

State of Massachusetts Bay.

To the Honble Council and Honble House of Representatives in General Court Assembled

The Petition of Richard Codman of Falmouth in Casco Bay Merchant Humbly shews,

That Capt Thomas Ross formerly of said Falmouth but now of Halifax in Nova Scotia is indebted to your Pet^r^ a large sum amounting to about Twelve hundred pounds Sterling being the Produce of three Cargoes of Merchandise which the said Ross sold for your Pet^r^ in the West Indies in the year 1775

That the said Ross has sent several Verbal Messages to your Pet^r^ that he will settle & pay the same Debt if your Pet^r^ could obtain leave to go to Halifax for that purpose, And as your Pet^r^ has been a great Sufferer during the present War and in case of the Death of said Ross he is in danger of loosing the whole of said Debt which would be almost the Ruin of himself and Family

He humbly Prays Your Honors would Permit him to go to Halifax in the first Cartel and return from thence as soon as may be with the said Debt or the produce thereof in such Effects as he can procure from the said Ross

And as soon as your Pet^r^ is Informed Barbara Ross Wife of said Thomas Ross has applyed to Your Honors for a Cartel to transport herself and family to Halifax, he prays in case her Petition is granted that he may be permitted to go in the same Vessell

And as in Duty Bound will pray

Richard Codman

Chas. Cushing to Genl Wadsworth.

Waldoborough Sepr 5th 1780

Dear Sir

I have now obtained my Parole to Return Home and am so far on my way there being just arrived in the Flagg that carried the Women from this Place. I should have done myself the Pleasure of waiting upon you if my health would have admitted — I have been very ill of the Flux for this fortnight which has reduced me to a Very low & weak state & what will be the end of it I am still afraid. I enclose you a Copy of my Parole wherein much is required of me — I suppose there will be no difficulty in effecting the exchange of all except Mr. Gardiner who is under presentment of the Grand Jury — It seems to me that upon some Principal or other it would be best that he should be exchanged as there is a great many of that Sort of people with the enemy — who will certainly take revenge upon individuals as they light of them in case punishment should be inflicted — I suppose it will be needful for the Council to determine with regard to his exchange — Clive talked with me before I left baggaduce he said if he could have his personal Estate he never would trouble this place again but if that was not allowed he would revenge upon individuals until he had got satisfaction — Quere — whether it would not be best that such sort of people should have their personal Estate or the Value thereof, if by that means the destruction of private Families could be avoided — I am exceeding sorry that I am deprived of the pleasure of waiting upon you — If anything should occur to you needful for my information Relative to my Parole or exchange Should esteem it a favor to Receive a line from you — I am with respect

Your most Hble Servt

Chas Cushing

Brigr Genl Wadsworth

Petition of James Avery.

To the Honble Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of James Avery Secretary to Indian Eastern Department & Agent for Col^{o} John Allen, Contin^{l} Sup^{r} In^{t} Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner being Empowered by said Col^{o} Allan & Capt Stephen Smith to settle the accounts & other business respecting that Department Begs liberty to present the Accounts Pay Rolls &c herewith and Humbly prays that such measures may be Taken for the Settlement of the same as your Honors in your Wisdom may think proper and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray —

Jas Avery

Boston Sep^{t} 7th 1780

In Council Sep^{t} 7th 1780

Read and thereupon ordered — That the Petition of James Avery Agent for Col^{o} John Allen Superintendant to the Indians in the Eastern parts of this State together with the several Accounts of said Department accompanying the same be and hereby are Committed to the Committee appointed by the General Court for Methodizing and settling the acct^{s} of this State for Examination and adjustment.

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives

Septr 17, 1780

Read and concurred John Hancock

Order of Genl Court on Petition of Richd Codman.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives September 8 1780 —

Whereas Richd Codman of Falmouth has represented to this Court that Thomas Ross late of Falmouth afores'd and

now of Halifax in the province of Nova Scotia is indebted to him in the sum of twelve hundred pound sterling and is ready and willing to settle with and pay to him the s^d^ Codman the sum afor^d^ and prays liberty for a Cartell to go to Halifax to recover s^d^ debts Therefore Resolved that the prayer of said petition be granted and that the Honble the Council be requested to grant permission to said Codman to repair to Halifax for the purpose set forth in said petition in a Cartell which the Council are further request^d^ to Commission for that purpose, and to return with his effects — And it is further Resolved that s^d^ Codman gives Bond to the Treasurer of this State for the sum of ten thousand pounds that he will in all respects conform to the conditions on which the cartell shall be granted —

And it is further Resolved that Barbara Ross with her five children and servant maid be permitted to go in said Cartell to her husband at Halifax — not to return again to this state without permission first obtain'd from the General Court for that purpose —

Read & passed

Sent up for concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council Septemb. 8, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to —

J Bowdoin	T Danielson	J Simpson
Jer Powell	B Austin	Jn° Pitts
T Cushing	J Stone	E Brooks
R. T. Paine	A. Fuller	Aaron Wood
J Fisher	Sam Niles	C Strong

Resolve Directing the Assessors of the Town of Winthrop to Abate All Public Taxes.

State of Massachusetts Bay { To the Honble Councill & House of Representatives for said State in Genl Court Assembled this 8th day of Sept: 1780

The petition of the Subscribers a Com^tee of a Small Number of poor people Just beginning a Settlement on Androscoggin River Called Lewiston Humbly shewth — That your petitioners together with about twenty families are just now begining a Settlement in the Wilderness, and att a great distance from any other Settlement being very poor and not able as yet to raise our bread, & having no way to raise money to pay taxes living so far in the Wilderness, and the Inhabitants of Winthrop lying about fifteen miles distance from us have taxed us for our poles and unimproved land att such Extravagant Rate, that if we are Obliged to pay the tax they have lay^d upon us we must leave our Small improvements, we Apprehend they have no right to tax us, lying att so great a distance and they being Taxed Only their proportion with the other Towns in this State —

Therefore as the State raises no benefit from our paying Taxes to Winthrop, most humbly pray that your Honours would Order our Taxes taken of by them, and that they pay their proportion of taxes that the honour^d Court have lay^d upon them, and when Ever it appears to the Genl Court that we are able & ought to pay some part of the Charge of Government, we will with Chearfullness pay what the Court shall see meet to lay upon us & pray that we may have the liberty of other new plantations have to raise the Money our Selves in the way the Court shall provide and as in duty bound shall Ever Pray

Lemuel Cummings
Benjn Morrill } Com^tee
John Herrick

Petition of Joseph North Esqr of Pittstown.

To the honble Council & house of Representatives in general court assembled —

The petition of Joseph North Esqr of Pittstown in the county of Lincoln for & in behalf of the inhabitants of the county of Lincoln humbly sheweth —

That the sea coast of the s^d county of Lincoln is open & has suffered many evils of the most distressing nature from the depredations of the enemy at Baggaduce, who report there in arm'd vessels & boats & scours the country at their pleasure — That many of the wood coasters bound to this & other capitol places of the State have been taken by s^d boats & vessels & utterly destroyed — ¶ That many persons who have fled from said Pittstown to the enemies at Baggaduce, being well acquainted with the country & with those persons who have been most zealous in the cause of America, have committed the most enormous inhumanities upon the property & liberties of persons of that character, & are still marauding the country for such subjects upon whom they may exert their barbarious ingenuity — And such is their situation in that country that the designs of their enemies may easily be executed — Your petitioner therefore humbly prays in behalf of s^d county that your Honors wou'd take into consideration their distressed situation and make such orders as in your wisdom shall seem most meet for their safety & the general peace of the State & as in duty bound will ever pray —

Joseph North

Boston Septr 9th 1780

In the House of Representatives Sep^t 14, 1780

Read & thereupon Order'd, That Brigad^r Preble, Brigad^r Trott & Coll Coffin with such as the Hon Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same — to enquire into the sit-

uation of the Eastern Parts of the State — in what manner the Troops and Boats there, are employed — and to consider what naval Force is necessary to be employed for the Protection thereof, and how it shall be procured

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Sep^{t} 15^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred and Joseph Simpson and Stephen Choate Esq^{rs} are joined

John Avery D Secy

The Committee of Both Houses to whom was Committed the Petition of Joseph North Esqr of Pitts Town in the County of Lincoln for and in behalf of the s^{d} County as the sea Coast is open & has suffered many evils of the most distressing nature as sett forth in said petition, have attended the Service assigned them & beg leave to report by way of Resolve, Which is Submitted

J. Simpson p^{r} Order

Resolved that the Board of War be Directed to purchase or Hire a sutable Vessell that will Mount ten or twelve Carriage Guns, and fit her for the Sea as Soon as may be to Guard the Sea Coast from Cape Ann and Eastward as far as Camden in the County of Lincoln for the protection of the Coasting Vessells, and it is further Resolved that the Honble Maj^{r} Part of the Council be Desired to give Brig^{r} G^{l} Wadsworth such further Orders as may be Necessary for the Protection of the County of Lincoln

In Council Sep^{t} 16, 1780

Read & Sent down

John Avery D Sec'y

Resolution on the Petition of James Bowdoin Esqr & Others.

To ye hon^ble the Council & House of Representatives

The Subscribers, a joint Committee of the Corporation of Harvard College & of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, humbly Shew

That on the 27th of October next there will be a very remarkable Eclipse of the Sun, which is represented to us by the Revd Mr Samuel Williams Hollisson Professor of Mathematics & natural Philosophy in the University at Cambridge, will be in the Eastern Parts of this State, in the neighbourhood of Penobscot, total and central. That he cannot find that any total Eclipse of the Sun has ever been seen here from ye first Settlement of the Country, nor will any such be visible here until the year 1806; that observations of Eclipses have been attended with so many advantages to mankind that they are universally esteemed objects of great Attention in every civilized nation: That They have been of great use in chronology, serving in several cases to ascertain the date of ancient transactions, and have been applied with Great advantage by Divines in determining ye important point of the christian era. That in Geography they have been of Singular Service in determining the longitude of places; and in astronomy they are of the greatest use to perfect the lunar Theory and Tables. With these two last Objects navigation, and of consequence, Commerce must always be very nearly connected. That an Opportunity now presents itself to make an observation of a phenomenon, which has never as yet been seen in this part of America, and cannot be seen again for many years to come; that if leave and accommodations can be procured, the above-named Professor would be ready to do every thing in his power towards making the observation, for compleating of which it will be necessary that six or seven Persons should be en-

gaged in it. That as your Petitioners humbly apprehend the cause of Science will be much served, and ye honour of this State greatly promoted, if a good observation of the said Eclipse can be procured in a place where it will be total, they beg leave to submit ye matter to your Honour's Consideration; and pray your Honours would be pleased to order the Board of War & Commissary General to provide the Said Professor and his assistants with such Accomodations and Supplies as may enable them to effect so desirable an Object: or that they may be enabled to effect it by such other means as y^r^ Honors Shall think proper.

James Bowdoin Thomas Cushing
Henry Gardner Samuel Cooper

In Council Sep^t^ 9^t^ 1780
Read & Sent down
John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Septr 9, 1780
Read & ordered That Col^o^ Dawes, Mr Cranch & Col^l^ Baldwin, with such as the Hon^l^ Board shall join, be a Committee to take the foregoing Petition into consideration & report what may proper to be done thereon
Sent up for Concurrence
John Hancock Spk.

In Council Sep^t^ 9^t^ 1780
Read & Concurred and Jeremiah Powell and Timothy Danielson Esq^rs^ are joined —
John Avery D Secy.

Order For Abatement of Taxes of Inhabitants of Lewistown.

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives Sept 11th 1780
On ye petition of Lemuel Cumings, & others a Com^tee^ in behalf of the Inhabitants of a New plantation Called Lewis-

town in the County of Lincoln praying for an abatement of publick taxes, assessed on them by the assessors of the Town of Winthrop for the year 1779 —

Resolved that the prayer of said petition be granted and that the assessors of the said Town of Winthrop be and they are hereby Ordered and directed to abate all the publick Taxes that have or shall be assessed on the polls and Estates of the said inhabitants of Lewistown for the year 1779 provided Never the less than Nothing in this resolve shall be construed to Extend to make any abatement in the Taxes imposed on the Town of Winthrop by the Gen[l] Court

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council Sept 12[t] 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

J Bowdoin	B. Austin	J. Simpson
Jere Powell	N Cushing	Aaron Wood
T. Cushing	T. Danielson	Caleb Strong
W Spooner	Sam[l] Niles	Step[h] Choate
B. White	Jn[o] Pitts	Tho[s] Durfee

Resolve on the Petition of Robert Calef.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sept 12th 1780

On the Petition of Robert Calef praying for leave to go to Penobscot and to return with his sister Sarah

Resolved — That the Prayer of the Petition be granted and that Robert Calef be and hereby is permitted to take Passage on Board the Cartel bound to Penobscot for the

Purpose of bringing his Sister Sarah from thence into this State — who have liberty to return in the first Cartel from Penobscot —

State of Massachusetts Bay { To the Honble the Council & Honble House of Representatives in General Court Assembled

The Petition of Robert Calef of Boston a Minor aged Nineteen Years Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners Father last December sent for his Family to Penobscot, your Pet^r Mother not inclining to go but sent her Daughter aged fourteen years, that since, your Pet^r Father has departed for England and left his Daughter at Penobscot without a friend to help her, that she by the last Cartel from Penobscot profest a great desire to come to New England.

Therefore your Pet^r prays your Hon^rs indulgence that he may be permitted to go in the Cartel under any Limitations & restrictions your Hon^rs may think proper, to Accompany his Sister to this place.

And in Duty will ever pray &^c

Robert Calef

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Septr 12, 1780

On the Petition of Robert Calef, praying for leave to go to Penobscot & to return with his Sister Sarah;

Resolved, That the prayer of said petitioner be so far granted as that the said Sarah Calef be permitted to return into this State in the first Cartel from Penobscot

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council Sep. 13th 1780

Read & Concurred as taken into a New Draught —

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Sec'y

In the House of Representatives Sept. 13 — 1780

Read & nonconcurred & the House adhere to their own Vote

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr

In Council Sept 13th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer Powell	N Cushing	Aaron Wood
J Bowdoin	T. Danielson	D Davis
W Spooner	Sam Niles	J Simpson
T Cushing	Jno Pitts	Stepn Choate
B Austin	Caleb Strong	Thos Durfee

Resolve on the Petition of George Williams and Others.

To the Honorable Council and the Honorable House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts bay in General Court assembled.

May it please this Honorable Assembly.

We your Memorialists being Merchants in the Town of Salem & late owners of the Ships Hector & Black Prince destroyed in Penobscot river in the Service of this State presume to lay this account of our Grievances before this hon[l] Assembly, & appealing to the justice of our country to ask Redress. We take liberty to represent, that at the time when the eastern expedition was undertaken, the ship Hector was new from the stocks & at a very great expence to the several

owners fitted for Sea. That the ship "Black Prince" haveing returned from a long abscence without any success was also with a very great difficulty arising from the previous severe misfortunes of many of the owners made ready for Sea. At this period the fairest opportunity presented for making depredations on the Commerce of Great Britain; immense Cargoes of provisions were arriving every day on the Coasts of America, & the Quebec fleet the object of our intended pursuits was then expected in the river St Lawrence laden with the choicest manufactures of our enemies, & from good information in no condition of defence against our largest private ships such as were the two above mentioned. At this time the embargo was ordered & our Ships demanded by public authority with a compulsive importunity that admitted neither deliberation nor denial. We shall be pardoned by this Honble Assembly when we say, that many of us knowing or foreboding the danger to so great & essential a part of our most valuable property, were very averse to the measure: we anticipated such misfortunes as might arise, & in those misfortunes the loss of our Interest, our credit & our support which to many of us was derived solely from predatory enterprize the only precarious & miserable resource an unhappy war has left us.— These apprehensions were plainly & decently mentioned to such Gentlemen as were appointed to contract on the part of the State, & we were assured that the Ships would be detained only a few days, & by no means so long as to bring them into danger; & that if any misfortunes should arise the owners would be indemnified without delay. On these Conditions the Ships Hector & Black Prince were ingaged, & after waiting a fortnight for the fleet sailed for Penobscot.—A delicate sense of the honor of our Country forbids us to enlarge on the event of this fatal expedition. We have now only to urge our own sufferings & to ask a full-

filment of the engagements then entered into with us.—Altho' as Citizens of America we deem ourselves in the last resort, obliged to sacrifice our property & hazard our lives in defence of our common country, yet we conceive the case here to have been essentially different. It was not to repel a present formidable invasion, or a general & impending danger, but to provide against a distant & partial evil that our property was demanded; & altho' success might have been as ruinous to us as misfortune has really been, yet even from success we could derive no more, & probably not so much advantage as other merchants in the sea-ports not immediately concerned in the expedition. We therefore consider ourselves as having suffered, & been sacrificed to the public; & as having from that public the clearest & most equitable claim to immediate & complete indemnity.

We desire most seriously to assure this Honble Assembly, that many of us agreed to this representation, solely from the necessity of our affairs: that a regard to the state in the present hurry & embarrassment of our public concerns would weigh greatly with us to suspend our claims under circumstances more agreable; but that our loss at Penobscot, the suspension of commerce during the most interesting part of the last summer, & such general & severe misfortunes in trade & enterprize as have befallen us since, joined to the great taxes, & the enormous price of the necessaries of life, have left the inhabitants of this & the other sea-ports in a Situation truly to be commiserated. We know indeed that an immediate payment of our demands would in some degree enhance the taxes already so considerable; but as the marine levy for the eastern expedition great as it was, was made on a few people, & as among those few some have furnished, & hitherto lost their all: so we conceive that by doing justice to individuals & making speedy reperation, no

other disadvantage would accrue, than making a Calamity hitherto general only in name, to be (as it ought) general in reality.

May it please this Honble Assembly, the evil complained of is real, & by no means the effect of gloomy or discontented minds — it is real & severely felt in the demands which the families of some of the sufferers daily make for the comforts of life. Nor is it partial alone but so general as to add greatly to that melancholy & alarming impoverishment of this town: for the seamen belonging to those two ships & another of equal size, chiefly belonged to this town & received for their summer's work or a large part of it the trifling sum of 48 shillings pr month.

We your Memorialists do therefore most respectfully but very seriously request that our very distressing circumstances may be taken into consideration, that the promises so long given may be fulfilled that reparation may be made so far as it is possible, & that we may see our Commerce & maritime business now languishing under so severe a check, again flourishing under the patronage of our country. And as in duty bound &^c^ &^c^

Geo Williams, p^r^ order of the Owners of Ship Black prince
Jon^a^ Peele j^r^ p^r^ order of the owners of the Ship Hecttor

In the House of Representatives Septr 12th 1780

Read & thereupon Ordered — That Coll Dawes Coll Orne & Coll Gerrish, with such as the Hon. Board shall join, be a Committee to consider the same and report what is proper to be done thereon

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council Sept. 12th 1780

Read & Concurred and Benjamin Austin and John Pitts Esq^rs^ are joined and Ordered — That Said Committee be and hereby are instructed to take up the Matter at large re-

specting the Losses of other Vessels sustained in Said Expedition

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Septr 12th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Letter to the Command^{g} Officer of the British at Penobscot—Similar One to Genl Wadsworth.

Boston Sept. 12, 1780

S^{r}

It is expected there will be a very remarkable Eclipse of ye Sun on ye 27th of Oct^{o} next, and that it will be central & total at or near the british Post at Penobscot where you command: the centre of ye Moon's Shadow if the longitude & latitude of that place by ye Maps can be depended on, being by calculation to pass over Penobscot Bay, As accurate observations of this Eclipse at a place so situated, may be greatly beneficial especially in Geography & Astronomy, the Genl Assembly of this State have made provision for Suitable persons to observe it at any place most proper for that purpose, and to which they can have access. The Gentleman who will be employed is ye Revd Mr Saml Williams Hollisson Professor of Mathematics & Nat^{l} Phil^{o} at our University at Cambridge with such assistants as he shall take with him. If he sh^{d} judge your Post or any other place within your command most suitable for making his observations it is not doubted that as a Friend of Science you will not only give him y^{r} permission for that purpose, but every assistance in your power to render the observations as perfect as possible. Though we are politically enemies, yet with regard to Science

it is presumable we shall not dissent from the practice of all civilized people in promoting it either in conjunction or seperately as occasions for it shall happen to offer.

Please to favour me with an answer, and with Passes for the safe going & return of Mr Williams & his associates, and of the Vessel and Mariners.

I am respectfully S^{r} yr most ob^{t} hble Servt

Sr Enclosed is a letter for the Commanding Officer of the British Garrison at Majabagwaduce relative to ye Eclipse of ye Sun in Oct^{o} next wch is open for y^{r} perusal. It is the order of the Council, that with delay after sealing it, you dispatch it by a Flag to the s^{d} Officer and request his answer to it, wch you are to send to Boston with as much expedition as possible

In the House of Representatives Sep. 12 — 1780

Order^{d} That Coll Coffin & Mr Whitney be of the Committee on the Petition of Jas. Cargill & the Answer thereto, in the room of Mr Dix & Mr Crane absent

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Sep^{t} 12th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy.

The Committee of both Houses on the Petition of The Honble James Bowdoin Esqr and Others beg Leave to report the following Resolve

Per Powell Pr Order

State of Massachusetts Bay

Whereas Representation has been made to This Court, by The Hon'ble James Bowdoin Esqr and others Lovers of Learning and Mankind That on the 27th Day of Octo^{r} next There will happen in the Nieghbourhood of Penobscot a central and Total Eclipse of The Sun a Phenomenon never

apparant in These States since Their Settlement, and as Oservation Thereon may be of much Consequence in Science particularly in Geography and Navigation, and That The Revd Samuel Williams Hollisson Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in The University at Cambridge in This State will be ready to give his aid with such Assistance as may be proper to make the Necessary Observations at the most convenient Place near Penobscot Therefore Resolved That The Board of War be and They hereby are order^{d} and Directed to fit out the State Gally with proper Stores and accomodations for the Conveyance of the Revd Samuel Williams Hollisson Professor of the Mathematics & Natural Philosophy at the University at Cambridge and such Attendants as he may Think proper to take with him to make the desired Observations on the Central and total Eclipse of the Sun Which will happen on the said 27th Day of Octo^{r} at or near Penobscot; and That the Council be and they are hereby requested to write proper Letters to the British Commander of the Garrison at Penobscot, That the important Designs of the said Observations may not be frustrated.

In Council Sep^{t} 12th 1780

Read & Sent down — John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Sept. 12th 1780

Read & passed

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Sept. 12th 1780

Read & Concurred — John Avery D Secy.

Consented to —

J Bowdoin	Caleb Strong	Saml Niles
Jer: Powell	B. Austin	Jno Pitts
Step^{n} Choate	W Spooner	D Davis
T Cushing	B White	J Simpson
N. Cushing	T Danielson	Thos Durfee

Report of Committee.

In persuance of the resolve of the General Court of the 7th September 1780

We the Subscribers have attended to the Settlement of Colº John Allen's Accounts exhibited to us being from 1 December 1779 to the 1 June 1780 which we find well Vouched and right cast; Ballance due to him on these Accounts Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty nine pounds Nineteen Shillings & five pence — That the said Allan has received from the Commissary and Truck House Stores, the Sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred & twelve pound Fifteen Shillings and nine pence, which he has paid the Soldiers in part of their Wages and is to be deducted from the Pay Rolls when settled — We also find due to John Curry Esqr Nine Thousand four Hundred and four pounds for Supplies by him made to Indians Certified by Colº Allen

John Deming
Stephen Gorham
Boston 12th September 1780 Peter Boyer

In Council Septemb 14t 1780
Read & Sent down John Avery D Sec'y

Memorial Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon.

To the Honorable Council, and Honorable House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay

September 8th 1780 —

The memorial of Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon of Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln humbly sheweth — That Your Memorialists have been served with a Copy of a resolve of the Honorable the General Court passed the Twenty third day of June last, which Act of the whole Court

sets forth That Whereas at an Inferior Court of Common pleas holden at Pownalborough within and for the County of Lincoln on the first Tuesday of this present Month Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon, boath of Pownalborough aforesaid yeomen, recovered Judgement against James Cargill of Newcastle in the same County Gentleman for the Sum of Thirteen thousand one hundred and twenty three pounds Eighteen shillings damage and Twenty two pounds sixteen shillings Costs. Upon the petition of the said James Cargill it is — Resolved that the Execution of the said Judgement be stayed untill the third Wednesday of the next session of this Court and the Sheriffs of each of the Counties in this State and their respective Deputies and under Sheriffs are hereby directed and commanded in the mean time not to Execute or serve any Executions of the Judgement aforesaid, either on the person or any part of the Estate of the said James Cargill, and the said Ebenezer Whittier and John Langdon are by the said James Cargill to be served with a Copy hereof to shew cause if any they have wherefore the said Judgement should be Executed — Your Memorialists being Cited to appear and shew cause wherefore said Judgement should be executed; do now at great cost and expence near two hundred miles from their place of abode attend on the Honorable Court and beg leave to lay before your honors the following State of Facts. That on the Twentyeth day of September 1776. Your Memorialists bought of the said James Cargill a certain Sloop called the Nancy of the burthen of Eighty Tons or thereabouts, and that the said James covenanted with your Memorialists that he had good right to sell the same and that he would forever bear your Memorialists and their assigns harmless. In October 1776 your Memorialists sold the said Sloop and covenanted as above with Obe Hubbs of Woolwich.

In September 1777 the said Hubbs sold the said Sloop with Warranty to Samuel Bayley & Timothy Topan Ford of Newburyport. On the 9th day of January 1777, The Honorable the General Court Resolved that Stephen Hall and Peleg Crooker, former owner of said Sloop Nancy have leave to file their Claim to said Sloop her Cargo and appurtenances at the next Superior Court of Judicature &c, as is more fully set forth in said Resolve — On the 3d Tuesday of June 1778, the aforesaid Stephen Hall & Peleg Crooker recover'd Judgement at a Superior Court of Judicature &c held at Ipswich in the County of Essex, for restitution of said Sloop Nancy. And on the 18th day of July 1778 the said Sloop was taken by execution at Northyarmouth in the County of Cumberland then being the property of the aforesaid Bayley & Ford. On the 3d Tuesday of June 1779 the said Bayley & Ford recovered Judgement at a Superior Court of Judicature &c begun & held at Ipswich within & for the County of Essex against the said Obe Hubbs, for the said Sloop Nancy and Damages: which Judgement your Memorialists (to prevent further Costs) did fully pay and satisfy as well as Obe Hubbs's demands for Damages.— From the foregoing State of facts your Memorialists humbly conceive your honors will be convinced they had a Just Demand upon, and good right of action against James Cargill. In June 1779, your Memorialists commenced an action against the said James Cargill in a plea of Covenant broken, and summonsed the said James to appear at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln in September 1779 which action was continued to June last, when it was left to a Rule of Court, Three Gentlemen of the first characters for knowledge & integrety in the County of Lincoln Viz General Charles Cushing Esqr Jonathan Bowman Esqr and Nathaniel Thwing Esqr which persons were all

nominated by the said James and consented to by your Memorialists. They had a very fair & full hearing, the account of Damages sustained was carefully examined by them, and the said James Cargill declared himself perfectly satisfied with the report of said Referees upon which said Judgement was founded. And the said James further declares he did not petition your honors for relief with the intent of depriving your Memorialists of their just demands which is the sum awarded them as aforesaid — That your Memorialists can't but think themselves greatly distressed and agrieved by being forced to appear near two hundred miles from their place of abode to shew cause wherefore a Judgement of a Court of Law & Justice should be executed, a Judgement for a Just Debt, and a Judgement, the Debtor himself acknowledges to be just. ¶ Your Memorialists humbly conceive they have Shewen cause where fore Judgement should have been Executed, and are impressed with the deepest concern that your Honors Order aforesaid, should be made to opperate to their immediate and very great damage as may more fully appear by the following State of Facts.— That your Memorialists had taken out Execution against the said James and served the same on his personal property, and had sold the same and leveyed the sum of three thousand three hundred and twenty eight pounds in part towards satisfying the Execution. And had proceeded to serve the same on the real Estate of the said James, and that three appraisers were chosen for that purpose one by your Memorialists and two by the Officer (the said James being absent) and that the whole of the said James's Estate was appraised, it being an undivided Estate in common, and one fifth part of said Estate was set off or apportioned to satisfy the said Judgement and all costs and charges — And on the day the Officer was about to put your Memorialists in to

Possession or give Seizen of the same, James Cargill produced your honors order aforesaid; which has set aside the whole of the Officers proceedings respecting the service of the said Execution, whereby your Memorialists have lost their costs of selling and appraising the s^d^ Estate, also one fifth part of the Grass produced by the premises, and their security made on said Estate, and one exposed to an action of Damage from the said James for selling his Personal Estate — Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray your honors would make valid all the Officers doings respecting the service of the said Execution on the said James's Real & Personal Estate, your honors order to the contrary notwithstanding, and that your Memorialists may be paid them out of ye publick Treasury all the Damage they have sustained by your Honors Order aforesaid for their Time, and the Expences they have been at in attending on the Honorable Court, and in procuring Evidence to support this memorial — And that all sales, conveyances, attachments, or incumbrances (if any) made of or upon the said Estate since the first Tuesday of June last may be declared Void — or that your Memorialists may have such other relief as your Honors in your Great Wisdom may think fitt.

And as in duty bound Your Memorialists will ever pray

Eben^r^ Whittier
John Langdon

Resolve on the Petition of the Administrators of the Estate of Jeremiah Moulton.

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in general Assembly convened Humbly Shew —

The Administrators of the Estate of Jeremiah Moulton late of York in the County of York Esqr deceased, with the

Will annexed, and the Administrators of the Estate of Brigadier Jotham Moulton dec[d] Intestat

That Jeremiah Moulton aforesaid in 1765 made and executed his last Will and Testament in which he devised ¾ of his Real Estate equally among his four Sons, and particularly appropriated his personal Estate, excepting outstanding debts; and by a Codicil made in 1770 Ordered his out lands and mills to be disposed of for the paiment of his debts in case his outstanding debts should be insufficient, and appointed his Wife Abigail & Son Jotham Executors.

That soon after Executing his said Codicil He fell into a gloomy State of mind and remained unfit for Transacting Business or making any alteration in his Will, until his Death which was in July 1777

That during his continuance in the gloomy State of mind aforesaid his Wife Abigail and Three of his Sons legatees in the same Will named, died, and two of them Viz[t] Thomas and Jotham left children, so that only his youngest Son and his Three Daughters Survived him

That between the Time of making the Will and Codicil the Testator erected a House Frame on part of his land, a little distance from his homestead finished several Rooms in it and placed his Son Jotham therein. That said Jotham went on to finish, and as his Family increased made additions thereunto; built a convenient Barn dug a Well &[c] &[c] insomuch that at the Time of the Testators death this piece of land was materially inhanced in Value by the expenditures thereon by the said Jotham.

That the said Jeremiah being unable to do Business for the last seven years of his Life, and a long sickness that attended his Wife before her death, Occasions equitable demands on the Testators Estate to a much larger amount than

the Testators outstanding debts, so that some part of the Testators Real Estate will be needed to discharge them.

That the death of the Testators two eldest Sons (who left Issue) before the Testator makes such an alteration in the descent of about 3/8 of his Real Estate, as tis, more than probable he would have prevented by making a new Will had it been in his power.

That the Petitioners are desirous that the Children of said Jotham (who are six in number & all under 14) may reap the benefit of the said Jotham's Expenditures on the House and Land before mentioned, by having the same Lands & Buildings assigned to them toward their share of the Testators Estate deducting the Value or amount of such expenditures as were made by the Testator as near as may be: and that the Children of Thomas & Jotham respectively may have as much of their Grandfather's Estate assigned them as their Respective Fathers Thomas and Jotham would have had by the said Will, in case they had survived the Testator except so much as their said Fathers had received taken or appropriated to their own use out of the Testators Estate after he made his Will in 1765. And that the devise to Jeremiah who died without Issue and unmarried in the Testators life Time may be equally divided among the surviving Children of the Testator and the legal representatives of such of them as are dead.

Wherefore they pray that the Administration of the said Jeremiah Moulton's Estate (who are his Surviving Son and two Sons in law) or any two of them may have the same power to dispose of the Testator Real Estate for the paiment of debts that the Testator in the same Will gave to his Executors. And also that in consideration of the particular circumstances before related, That a power may be Vested in the Court of Probate for the County of York, or such

other Court in the same County as your Honour shall judge mete, to remedy the Inconveniences aforesaid and decree therein agreable to Equity.

These Certify That on the 25th day of June 1777 Administration of the Estate of Brigadier Jotham Moulton late of York in the County of York Esqr deceased Intestate was granted to Joanna Moulton & Nicholas Sewall And on the 31st day of July 1777 Administration of the Estate of Jeremiah Moulton late of York in said County Esqr dic^{d} Testate with his Will annexed was Granted to Joel Moulton, Job Lyman and Saml Sewall.

Job Lyman
Saml Sewall
Saml Nason for his wife the within Joanna
Nicholas Sewall
Joel Moulton

David Sewall Reg^{r}

Order of Council Directing Board of War.

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber Sepr 8^{t} 1780

Ordered — That Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver James Avery Agent to Col^{o} Allen Superintendant to the Eastern Indians One Barrel of Pitch and One Barrel of Tar for the purpose of fitting the Armed Schooner Nashquowoit for Sea — And Charge the Same to the Acc^{t} of the United States

Attest John Avery D Secy

Resolve in Favor of James Cargill.

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives Septr 1780

The Committee on the Petition of Sundry persons in favor of James Cargill, have attended the Service fully heard the Partys, & beg leave to Report the follow^{g} Resolves —

Resolved that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State to James Cargill, the sum of three hundred pounds of the New Continental Currency or State Securities to that Amount, as a Consideration for the loss he has sustained, in consequence of a Judgment recovered against him by John Langdon & Ebenezer Whittier in the inferiour Court at Pownalborough in June last, the particulars of which are set forth in said petition — and it is farther Resolved that the Execution levied on the Estate of James Cargill by David Murray Dep^y Sherriff in fav^r of John Langdon & Ebenezer Whitten, be valid, the Resolve of the General Court in June last to the Contrary Notwithstanding —

Also Resolved that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State to John Langdon the Sum of Twenty two pounds New Con^l Currency, or State Securities to that Amount to pay his Expences &^c in coming to Boston to make answer to the Petition, agreable to the resolve of ye General Court in June last —

The Committee of both Houses to whom was committed the petition in favor of James Cargill have attended the service heard the parties &^c, and beg leave to report the Following resolves, which is Humbly Submitted

Joseph Simpson pr Order

Resolved, that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State to James Cargill the Sume of
to enable him to pay the sums for which Judgment was recovered against him by John Langdon & Ebenezer Whittier in the Inferiour Court at Pownelb^o in June last and to redeem his Estate taken by Execution in Consequence thereoff

and it is further Resolved that the Execution Leavied on the Estate of James Cargill by David Murray Deputy Sheriff in favour of John Langdon and Ebenezer Whittier be Valid, the Resolve of the General Court in June last to

the Contrary Notwithstanding and that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State to John Langdon the Sume of to pay his expences &c in coming to Boston to make answer to the petition agreable to the Resolve of the General Court in June last

In Council Sep^{t} 13^{t} 1780

Read & sent Down

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Sept 16 1780

Read & accepted as taken into a new Draught

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Sep^{t} 16th 1780

Read & Noncurred

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Sept 15 — 1780

Ordered that Mr Walley Maj^{r} Goodman & Maj Davis of Oxford be a Committee to confer with such Committee as the Hon. Board shall appoint, on the subject matter of the Resolve which passed the House on the Petition of Coll. Cargill —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk

In Council Sep^{t} 18^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred and Nathan Cushing Samuel Baker & Thomas Durfee Esqr are joined.

John Avery D Sec'y

Genl Wadsworth to Pres^{t} of Council.

Head Quarters, Thomaston 14 Septr 1780

Sir,

Agreeable to my Instructions I have endeavoured to annoy the Enemy in this Neighborhood by scouting & cruising upon

them. To do this more effectually Enterprize was necessary. To incourage Enterprize I offered one half, three quarters, or the whole of Prizes taken by Cruizing Parties to the Captors, according to the difficulty or danger attending.

My Expectations have been well answered, & I have been tolerably successful. The prizes taken have been sent into St Georges River; & according to Custom where martial Law is in force I have ordered Courts martial from time to time to try the justice of the Captures by Parties immediately under my Command. They have tried & condemned several Vessels & Boats as Prizes; & I have ordered them sold for the Benefit & Encouragement of the Captors, reserving the proportion due to the State. This Conduct I tho't & still think to be just & right, & I am sure has promoted the good of the Service & has been beneficial to the State. ¶ But to my surprize I am informed one of those Vessels a Schooner, Tender to the Albany, taken up Penobscott River by a Party under Command of Capt John Blunt, is attached & stopped at Boston; & another taken by Capt: Richard Jones is attached at Damascotta. I wish for the Sentiments of Government in the Case, & that those Vessels may be immediately discharged, & any Proceedure against them stopped. Especially as no good can arise from their detention but to captious Individuals & Had it not been for the Enterprize of the Captors the Vessel had still remained in the hand & service of the Enemy: And Prosecutions of this kind will destroy that Enterprize necessary to refuse others in like Circumstances in future.

I am Sir, with much Respect,

Your Honor's most obedient & very humble Servant

P. Wadsworth B G

President of Council

The Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of Genl Wadsworths Letters, have attended that Service, and

Report as their Opinion, that said Letter be referred to the next sitting of the General Assembly

Jos. Dorr per Order

In Council Oct 3d 1780

Read & not accepted & Ordered that the Committee be & hereby are directed to set again

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Oct 4. 1780

Read & nonconcurred & the House accepts the Report of the Committee

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spkr.

In Council Octb 4t 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy.

Petition of Frederic — a French Chaplain.

To the Honorable Council of Boston

Frederic Chaplain of the Vessels of the King of France and now appointed for a Mission in the Eastern Tribes of Savages of this State intreats the Honorable Council of Massachusetts Bay, saying that He came here in order to go as quick as possible to Machias, and that he had the promise from the General Heath to be only during a week here, before that he would go to his Mission. But he has been already almost a month in expecting every day to set out the next day, and during such a time the winter approachs and he is in an entire inaction and inutility to this State and to his King. He therefore intreats your Justice to give your orders that he set out directly and he also prays you to give

one fixed pay to his Interpret Gideon de Lesderniers from the 18th August of this year 1780, which is day from which they are departed from Rhode's Island. He address his wishes to the Heaven for the prosperity of this State and of other United States of America —

Boston 14th September 1780 P. Frederic

Chaplain of the Vessels of the King of France.

In Council Sept 14t 1780

Read & sent down with an Order of Council respecting Gideon De Lesdernier accompanying the same

John Avery D Secy.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Augt 24th 1780

Ordered that Gideon de Lesdernier be and hereby is permitted to attend the Chaplain of the Vessels of his most Christian Majesty the King of France as an Interpreter upon his Mission among the different Tribes of Indians in the Eastern part of this State under the Superintendency of Colo Jno Allan and that the said Gideon be & he hereby is directed to apply to the General Court for a Compensation for his said Services —

True Copy Attest John Avery D Secy

Resolve in favor of Caleb Graffam.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sept 18 1780

On the Petition of Caleb Graffam of Windham in the County of Cumberland representing that in the year 1773 he was chosen by the said Town of Windham to collect the Sums assessed on the hundred acre Lots there agreeably to an Act of the General Court intituled "An Act impowering the assessors of the town of Windham in the County of Cumberland to assess yearly for the three years next ensuing one

penny half penny p^{r} acre on every of the hundred Acre Lots in said Town already lotted out & not otherwise taxed, ministerial and School Lands in said Town excepted" That he passed up Copies of the Lists of Assessments committed to him by the Assessors as in and by said Act were directed in the Towns of Windham, Falmouth & Marblehead — That he can procure Evidence of his having posted up such notifications in the Towns of Windham and Falmouth but on Account of the death and removal of a great number of Persons who then lived in Marblehead he finds himself unable to obtain sufficient Evidence of their being posted up there —

Therefore praying the Court to determine with respect to the Evidence of such Notifications in Cases at Law wherein he may be interested.

Resolved that in all Causes or Actions at Law wherein the said Caleb Graffam shall be interested and wherein the Proof of Notifications as above mentioned being posted up at the three Towns aforesaid shall be required

The Oath of the said Caleb that the same were posted up in the town of Marblehead together with other proof that they were posted up in the Towns of Falmouth & Windham shall be accounted sufficient Evidence, & the several Courts of Law within the State wherein such Cause or Action may be depending are hereby impowered & directed to receive the same so accordingly

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council Sep^{t} 19 1780

Read & Concurred John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to —

Jere Powell	Saml Baker	Jno Pitts
W Spooner	Sam Niles	N Cushing
B Austin	A Fuller	D Davis
J Fisher	Aaron Wood	Thos Durfee
T Danielson	J Simpson	Step^{n} Choate

Resolve in Relation to Estate of Jeremiah Moulton.

State of Massachusetts Bay

House of Representatives September 19th 1780

Whereas it appears by the Will of Jeremiah Moulton late of York in said County deceased, that his Executors therein named, who died before the Testator Was Authorized to Sell lands for the paiment of Debts Therefore Resolved that the Admin^rs of the said Estate with the will annexed, or any two of them, Be and hereby have the same power Granted them in that respect as the said Executors would have had in case they had survived the Testator and provd the said Will — The Admin^rs of the said Jeremiah Moulton deceased to account with the Judge of Probate for York County for the proceeds of any Lands, Sold by Virtue of this Resolve — And in Consideration of the particular Circumstances of the said Jeremiah after making his said Will & the Death of his sons Thomas and Jotham in his life Time who left Issue. It is further Resolved that the Judge of Probate for the County of York for the Time being be and hereby is Authorized and Impower'd to assign to the Children of Jotham dec^d the particular lands & Tenements the said Jotham (as tis said) expended divers Sums of Money upon in the life Time of the Testator — Valuing the same at no more than what the said Jeremiah expended thereon and at the Value the same lands were Worth without any expenditure — Sums laid out on them to the end the said Jothams children may have the benefit of the Sums their father laid out on the same lands And also to assign in the division of the said Jeremiah's Estate as much in value to the Children of Thomas & Jotham deces'd (deducting any demands the Testator Jeremiah might have against them for Sums of Money or other Matters advanced to them after making the said Will in 1765 — or any particular profits and advantages the said Thomas & Jotham

Respectively made had or Received out of the Testators Estate after the making his Will afores'd in 1765 —) as they the said Thomas & Jotham would have been Intitled unto by the said Will had they Survived the Testator — And it is farther Resolved that the Legacy given to Jeremiah by the said will who died before the Testator without Issue and unmarried Be divided equally among the Surviving Children of the Testator and the legal Representatives of such of them as are dead — Any Law usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding — Provided always any Party aggrieved at the determination of the Judge of Probate in Consequence of this Resolve have liberty of appealing to the Supreme Probate, as in other Probate Matters —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Sep^{t} 19^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy.

Consented to —

Jer Powell	Sam Niles	J Simpson
W Spooner	D Davis	Jno Pitts
J Fisher	A Fuller	E. Brooks
Aaron Wood	B White	Edwd Cutts
B Austin	Saml Baker	Step^{n} Choate

Resolve on the Petition of John Starbird.

State of Massachusetts Bay

To The Honorable Council and the Honorable House of Representatives of said State —

The Petition of John Starbird of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland & State afores^{d} humbly Shews — That on the tenth of October A. D. 1774 he made an Agreement with

Francis Waldo Esq. an Absentee for a Tract of Land in said Falmouth containing between thirty & forty Acres, which Agreement was under the hand of said Waldo — witness'd by Theophilus Bradbury Esqr and is ready to be produced — That before said Waldo left the State, he could not get the Land Surveyed according to the Agreement on Account of the Absence & other engagements of Mr Noyes who was to have surveyed it — and therefore has not yet received a Deed of the Same — Wherefore Your Petitioner humbly prays your Honours to take the Premises into consideration — appoint some Person to See that the said Land is Surveyed and conveyed to him agreeably to the Tenor of Said Agreement and the Intention of the subscriber thereto — or otherwise take such measures for his Relief as your Honours in your great Wisdom shall judge proper — and your Petitioner — as in Duty bound will ever pray

John Starbird

N. B. I paid Samuel Waldo nine Pounds twelve shillings, which he paid to his Brother Francis above mention'd & which the said Francis promis'd to Account for with me when we settled for the said Land — But the promise was not in writing — & I can only submit it to your honours determination whether to allow it or not.— I am ready to make Oath to the Truth of this Declaration —

John Starbird

Memorandum I have agreed to sell John Starbird a tract of Land bounded Northeasterly by, 30 acres x 30 & to be bounded by ye Road leading from Said Johns on ye other side & on ye Southeasterly end by Nathll Fickets Land, and on ye other End by Lands in possession of Jno Bracket & David Bailey — supposed to contain between thirty & forty Acres, it is to be surveyd as soon as may be by Joseph Noyes, ye beaver Pond is to be deducted, & the said John is to pay

for what Land there may be upon said Survey At the Rate of forty shillings per Acre; exclusive of said Pond.

Octr 10th 1774

Fra^{s} Waldo

Witness Theo Bradbury.

Resolve on Petition of John Starbird.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sep^{t} 19th 1780

On the Petition of John Starbird Representing that on the 10th day of Octr 1774 he made an agreement with Francis Waldo (an absentee) for Certain Lands in his Petition mentioned; Praying that Some Person may be appointed to Cause said Land to be Surveyed and Conveyed to him agreable to the Ten^{r} of s^{d} agreement —

Resolved that the Prayor of the Petition be Granted and that Thomas Child Esqr be & he is hereby Impowered to procure a Survey of said Land & make & Execute a good & Lawfull Deed thereof to the said John Starbid his heirs & assigns at the Rate of Forty Shillings p^{r} Acre in silver money with Lawfull Interest for the Same from Octr 20th 1774. Deducting therefrom nine pounds which appears to this Court was at that time paid by the said John Starbid to the said Francis Waldo in part Consideration for said Land and that the said Thomas Child Esqr — pay into the Treas^{r} of said State the Sum arising by said Sale for the use of said State —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Sep^{t} 19th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy.

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	D. Davis	Thos Durfee
W Spooner	A. Fuller	Aaron Wood
J Fisher	Sam Niles	Step^{n} Choate
B White	Jno Pitts	Edwin Cutts
B. Austin	E Brooks	
N Cushing	J Simpson	

Conveyance of Sloop Nancy By Cargill to Langdon et als.

To all whome these presents may come

Know ye that I James Cargill of New Castle in the County of Lincoln Esqr for and in Consideration of the Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence to me in hand paid By Eben Whittier, and John Langdon jun^{r} boath of Pownalboro' in ye County aforesaid the receipt of which I hereby acknowledge and therefor do clearly acquit and discharge the said Eben^{r} Whittier and Jno Langdon jun their assigns forever and by these presents have granted bargain'd and sold unto the said Eben^{r} Whittier and Jno Langdon jun^{r} their assigns the whole of ye Hull of ye Sloop called ye Nancy of ye Burthen of Eighty tons or thereabouts now lying at pinkham's Cove in Boothbay with all and every part of ye tackle sail Masts Anchors Ropes Cords and furniture with appurtenances to her belonging to their own propper use and as their propper goods for even and to have and to hold ye same as such — And ye said James Cargill doth covenant with ye said Eben^{r} Whittier and Jno Langdon jun their assigns that he hath now at ye time of sealing and delivering hereof full power and good right to grant Bargain and sell the whole of ye said sloop Nancy with all her appurtenances and that ye said Sloop now is and at all times shall and may remain & continue to ye said Eben^{r}

Whittier and Jn° Langdon jun their assigns to their propper Use free and Clear and that they shall for ever be left harmless and indemnified from all manner of former and other gifts grants bargains and incumbrances whatsoever had made committed done or suffered by him the said James Cargill or any other person or persons claiming Right or propperty in the said Sloop Nancy Sign'd Seal'd and delivered this twentyeth day of September 1776 —

in presence of

William McCobb James Cargill

Andw McFarland

Resolve on the Petition of Limerick.

State of the Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sept 20th 1780

on the Petition of the Inhabitants of a Plantation called Limerick Setting forth, that they are a New Plantation, and as yet have made but little improvements and few in number not exceeding twenty four famelies, att a Distance from Salt water, and in consequence thereof have no advantage from Lumber, Notwithstanding in a late tax they are charged with the sum of eleven hundred and twenty pounds, which they think themselves unable to pay, therefore pray that their burthen may be lightened, the Committy having attended the service beg leave to report by way of Resolve

Resolved that the said inhabitants of the Plantation Limerick be remitted the one half of the Sum of eleven hundred and twenty pounds, Viz: five hundred and sixty pounds, the remaining half viz: five hundred and sixty pound, to be paid into the publick Treasury of this State Shall be held a sufficient discharge of the eleven hundred and twenty pounds.

Maj. Elmer to Commander 1st Mass. Regt in Favor Daniel Beckler.

Camp Thomaston Sepr 21st 1780

This may Certify that Daniel Beckler is a Soldier in Colo Voses Regt in the Continental Service, and was enlisted by me — he always Did the Duty of A good Soldier whilest he was in the Regt but Coming home on A Furlough and found that the town that he went in the Service for, Neglected Said Beckler's family to that Degree that they Sufferd greatly — which he Says & I believe was the whole Reason of his not joining his Regt again — I would therefore Recommend him to the Commanding officer of the Regt, that he may have the benefit of Proclamation Issued by the Genl Court of this State Some time Last Spring Respecting Continental Deserters

J. M. Elmer Majr Comdt

To the Commanding officer of 1st Massachuttts Regt

Letter of Elbridge Gerry to Congress.

Boston 21st Sept 1780

Gentlemen

In my Letter to the General Assembly of the 14th Instant, I proposed to make to the Committee who should consider it, some Communications, Respecting the Requisitions of Congress of ye present Year for Men & Supplies, & shall now submit them to your Consideration.

By the Journals of Congress ye 9th of Feby last, it will appear, that they required of this State 6070 Men as its quota of 35,211 called for from ye Several States. When the Requisition was debated in Congress, they were informed, that by a late Return made to ye General Assembly, there were 343,876 white Inhabitants in this State & that Supposing ye united States to contain but 2,400,000 such

Inhabitants, the State of Massachusetts should be called on for 5045 instead of 6070 Men as its quota of the 35,211 required for the present Campaign. It was also represented, that if the Inhabitants of ye United States were supposed to exceed 2,400,000, the quota of Massachusetts would be proportionately less; & if the whole Number was stated as it was by Congress in ye Year 1775 at 3,000,000, & Massachusetts was supposed to contain 431,000 Inhabitants, its quota of ye Requisition aforesaid would be but 5,095, so that ye State was evidently called on for 975 Men more than its proportion (if adjusted by ye Estimate made by Congress in ye Year 1775) & for 1025 Men more than its quota, if computed on an authentic Return of its Inhabitants, & on ye most unfavourable Estimate (for ye State) that could be made of ye whole Number of White Inhabitants in ye United States.— the Apportionment in ye Requisition mentioned was however urged, because it corresponded with that of ye 16th of September 1776, & then was never supposed to be equitable, but was formerly objected to, & only admitted on ye presumption that the Men would inlist for ye Bounty then offered by Congress & be no Expence to ye State. indeed had those Bounties been sufficient to have filled ye Batalions, the State at that Time in raising more than its proportion of Men must have incurred an Expence by increasing ye Rates of Labour, & thus have paid a considerable Tax; but as ye State also found it indispensibly necessary to give an additional Bounty for raising these Men, it is evident, that ye Amount thereof as far as it respects ye Surplusage of ye Men so raised, if not reimbursed, will be a heavy & unjust Expence on ye State. a Motion was therefore made on ye 4th of Feby last to strike out ye quota assigned to Massachusetts Viz^t^ 6070 in order to reduce ye same, & ye Motion was negatived as will appear by ye Journals of that Date. Seeing then that this Number would be required of ye State,

an addition was moved to ye Resolutions of ye 9th of feby "that no previous apportionment of Men required by "Congress of the several States for common Defence, be "used as a precedent, or considered as an adjustment of their respective quotas," but this was declared to be "out of order," & a Motion for ye Yeas & Nays on ye Question of Order was also overruled in ye Manner mentioned in my Letter to the Hon^a Assembly — Congress on ye 9th of Feby had "Resolved "That the reasonable Expence any State has incurred or "may incur by raising & having in ye continental Army more "than what shall hereafter appear to have been their just "proportion of ye Troops actually serving in ye said Army "from Time to Time, Shall be allowed to such States, & "equitably adjusted in a final Settlement of their Accounts "with ye united States." but notwithstanding this, the States which have been called on for less than their quotas of Men, may & undoubtedly will hereafter urge, that ye Number of Batalions required by Congress from Time to Time of ye Several States, was originally intended & ought to be used as a Rule for determining their respective proportions of Troops actually serving in ye Army; & should this be ye Case, Massachusetts must pay ye Expence of raising & having in ye Army Troops for ye Year 1780, in ye proportion of 6070 to 35,211, which is evidently near 1/5 more than its quota,— ye Expence of each State in furnishing Troops previous to ye Depretiation of ye Currency, principally arose from ye Increase of ye Rates of Labour & Bounties, as was before observed; but in Addition thereto, ye States are now to make good to their respective officers & soldiers ye Deficiency of ye continental Pay, & are thus responsible for nearly ye whole Amount thereof — Under such circumstances is it not evident, that ye State exclusive of Gratuities & other Encouragements to its quota of Troops, is almost at ye whole Expence of raising & paying them, & that every

Recruit, including his Bounty will infer an Expence on ye State of at least 150 Dollars in Specie, which on 1025 Men required more than its proportion amounts to 153,750 Dollars in Specie?

I shall only add on this Head, that ye great Extent of Sea Coast which ye State has to defend; ye Difficulty it meets with in raising or otherwise procuring Grain for ye Subsistence of its Inhabitants; the Number of Men which it furnishes for ye Navy of ye united States; & ye present Invasion of ye Enemy at penobscot, are so many Arguments for reducing its quota still lower than 5045 Men; & that ye State whilst advancing so large a Sum for raising & paying more than its quota of Troops, is at least entitled to an Assurance that "no former Apportionment of Men required of ye "Several States shall be considered as an Adjustment of their "respective quotas, or hereafter be used as a precedent. When ye Report for specific Supplies was first debated in Congress, they referred it to a Committee consisting of a Member from each State, who having altered & adjusted ye Quotas, agreed to ascertain ye Specie prices by adding 50 pcent to ye former prices of ye Articles respectively; nevertheless a Majority of ye Committe rated ye former prices of Flower at 3 Dollars p hundred, & reported 4½ Dollars to be ye present specie price of that Article. An objection was made in Congress to this part of the report, & Letters were produced from some of ye principal Merchants in Philadelphia to prove that ye former price of Flower had not been more than two Dollars & an half p hund^d on an Average. A Member also from ye State of Pennsylvania who was a Merchant & then in Congress, deliverd in ye Current Prices for several Years previous to ye War, & made ye Average to be about 18/ Pennyw^t Currency p hundred, which is somewhat less than 2½ Dollars, this being ascertained. It was urged that ye price of Flower should

be fixed at 3¾ Dollars according to ye Agreement of ye Committee; for as New Hamshire Massachusetts & Rhode Island were to furnish Beef & foreign Articles ye latter of which would cost as much as would be allowed by Congress, great Injustice would be done to those States by raising Flower above 3¾ Dollars, even admitting Beef to be raised in proportion, since they could furnish very little if any of ye latter, more than their quota. if for Instance, Massachusetts be prepared to pay 2/13^{ths} of ye continental Tax, its just proportion of 103,302 barells of Flower & of 329,915 hundred of Beef required by Congress, would be 15,892 barells of Flower & 50,756 hundred of Beef, & by putting Flower @ 4½ Dollars p hund^{d}, Massachusetts will pay ¾ of a Dollar extra p hundred, which in 15,892 barels of two hundred each is 23,838 Dollars in Specie. On ye other Hand ye former specie prices of grass fed beef was reported by the Committee to have been 3 2/3 Dollars p hundred; but supposing it ever as low as 3 1/3 Dollars & it will amount to 5 Dollars if increased in proportion to 4½ Dollars for Flower: from whence it is evident, that as ye Just proportion of Beef to be furnished by this State is 50,756 hund^{d} & it was called on for only 5,244 hundred more than that quantity, all ye advantage to ye State of encreasing ye price of Beef above 50 p Cent is 1¼ Dollar p hundred, which on ye Surplus of 5,244 hund^{d} amounts to 6555 Dollars in Specie: & that deducting this from ye 23,858 Dollars which ye State looses by raising Flower, there remains 17,283 Dollars in Specie, which ye State will be unjustly taxed by this Maneuvre of raising Flower above 50 pc^{t} even admitting Beef to have been raised in proportion.— notwithstanding this, the proposition for reducing ye price of Flower to 3¾ Dollars was disagreed to, & as ye next best Measure it was moved that ye price might be enhanced to 4 1/5 Dollars which is 75 p c^{t} but this was also rejected & ye price was

fixed at 4½ Dollars as may be seen in ye Journals of ye 17th feby last inclosed herewith. It was then moved that grass fed Beef should be raised in proportion to Flower, & fixed at 6¼ Dollars, which as was before observed, would be but a small Compensation for ye Loss of raising ye latter: but ye Motion was rejected & ye price fixed at 5½ Dollars as may likewise be seen by ye Journals, so that in Fact supposing ye former specie price of Flower to have been 2½ Dollars & of Beef 3 1/3 Dollars p hundd, the State is unjustly taxed by ye Resolution of ye 25th of Feby last, in ye single Article of Flower 21,216 Dollars in Specie — but there being a greater Objection to ye Rates of ye other Articles, a Motion was made to recommit ye Report (for ye purpose of adjusting ye prices in ye proportion agreed on by ye Convention held at New Haven in Jany 1778) & was objected to in Point of Order; in Consequence of which ye Yeas & Nays were required on ye question of Order, & suppressed in ye Manner Stated in my Letter to Congress of ye 19th of feby last. the real specie price of Flower, about that Time, may however appear by ye inclosed Copy of a Report of ye 9th of March last No 11, wherein Congress are informed by their Committee that they were offered 1500 barells of Flower at £60 p hundd, which at the Exchange then current of 60 for 1 was 2 0/ paper Currency or 2 2/3 Dollars p hundd but to put ye Matter beyond Doubt respecting the prices of this & other Articles, I inclose for ye perusal of ye Comitee, ye Commissary General's Certificate No 12 of the prices current on ye 11th of April last, together with an Estimate conformable thereto, by which it will appear, that if ye Rates Stipulated by Congress in Feby last are admitted this State will be taxed for ye Supplies then required 155,326 2/13 Dollars in Specie, more than it would, by adjusting ye Articles according to ye real prices given by ye Commissary General.

I have thus Gentlemen reduced my Sentiments to writing, that You may be better able to correct such of ye principles & Calculations herewith submitted, as may appear to be erroneous — if they are right You will perceive that by ye Manner in which ye Requisitions for Men & Supplies for ye present Campaign have been conducted, this State will pay a Tax of 309.076 2/13 Dollars in Specie more than its just proportion, Admitting ye several States to furnish ye Men & Supplies required in February last, & this State to pay 2/13^{ths} of the publick Expense. That Tax may however be increased or diminished according to ye Variation of those principles, but will under any Circumstances be great, unless a Remedy is provided.

Whilst I am on the Subject, I think it my Duty to suggest to ye Committee, that no provision is yet made or Security given by Congress for ye Reimbursement of ye Money expended on ye penobscot Expedition; & that ye Interest of the State requires a speedy adjustment thereof —

I have ye Honor to be Gentlemen with ye highest Esteem & Respect your very hum Ser^{t}

E. Gerry

Hon^{a} Committee of ye General Assembly Appointed to consider ye Business herein stated —

Peleg Wadsworth to President of Council.

New Castle 22 Sept. 1780

Sir

The Bearer Mr Stephen Hall is the Gen^{t} to whom I am indebted for the essential Services he has voluntarily rendered me this Season as a Secretary And altho there has been no Establishment as yet made for a Secretary in this Department I hope your Honour will think fit to Consider

Mr Hall in that Office & to make him a Suitable Allowance. I beg leave also to recommend him as a Suitable Person to be appointed pay master to this Department, when there shall be any thing to pay.

Mr Hall waits on the Honble Board by my Special Desire to suggest & lay before them Sundry Matters relative to this service amongst which are the liberating two Vessels taken in the Enemys Service & agreable to the Military Line of Conduct where martial Law is in Force condem'd by a Court under my appointment, which however are attach'd & detain'd. The Service in this Quarter is more intimately concern'd in this than may at first be apprehended: Also the supplying the Troops in this Department with money or some necessaries without which they must suffer. He will also take your Honours Sentiments on the practicability of anything further than what has been attempted by increasing the Force in this Quarter.

If the Force here is not increased he will mention the Expediency of an Establishment for a body of Troops (after those already engag'd are discharg'd) absolutely necessary for the Defence & preservation of the eastern parts of this State, especially the County of Lincoln

As he is intimately acquainted with the Service of the passing Campaign in this Quarter & of the Circumstances of this part of the Country I would refer your Honour to him for any Particulars. And am with great respect Sir

Your most humble & most obedient Servant

Peleg Wadsworth B Genl

Hon^bl James Bowdoin Esqr

President of Council Massachusetts

In Council Sept 30th 1780 Read & thereupon Ordered That Joseph Dorr Esq. with such as the Honble House shall

join be a Committee to take into Consideration this Letter and to report what may be proper to be done thereon —

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives Sept 30, 1780

Read & Concurred and Capt Howes and Mr Dix are join'd

John Hancock Spkr.

Petition Roger Hunniwell to Council.

the Honourable house of Representatives
To the Honourable the Council and
in General Court Assembled
State of the Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Roger Huniwill of Scarborough in the County of Cumberland Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner has been favoured with a Pention of nine Pounds for a number of Years on account of the lose of one of his Arms at the reduction of Cape Briton A D 1745 and since the Present War your Petitioner has had a Son Constantly Engaged in the American Service so that I have had no benefit of him and by Reason of the great Price of the necessarys of Life in Money and the lose of my Sons Labour Your Petitioner is much Straitned in Suporting his family and therefore Your Petitioner Prays that your Honours would further consider him and Do that which your Honours in your great Wisdom Shall See meet for which your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

Roger Hunewell

Petition of Benjamin Trott.

To their Honnors the Cunsell of the State of Massachusets There Cometh Greeting My Requst of your honners is to

Grant Me Liberty from this Toun of falmouth in Casco Bay to Go in A Small Boat to Bagadoose to this Place my Ansiant father that has Been thear for Severall years — under the Government of this State But Now under the Command of the Bittons and Wants to Be Relived from his Present Distress Please to Grant Me Leave to Go to Relieve My father in So Small a Craft as a Whale boat. Your Compyance Gentlemen of the Counsell will Very Much Oblidge a True Subject to America am your humble Servt

Benjm Trott

Boston Septr 23. 1780

The abovenamed Benjamin Trott is an Inhabitant of Falmouth and I have no reason to think he has any other design in the above request than that which he has mention'd

Saml Freeman

State of Masstts Bay

Council Chamber Sept 23d 1780

Read & Ordered — That the Prayer of this Petition be granted and that Benjm Trott of Falmouth in Casco Bay be and hereby is permitted to proceed to Majorbaggaduce in a small Boat for the purpose of releiving the Distresses of his Parent

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Application of James Avery.

To the Hon'ble Council Board of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of James Avery Agent for Colo Allen Humbly Sheweth —

That the Vessell bound to Machias in which the Priest and a Quantity of stores goes, is now ready to Sail, there being several Passengers on board, if they had Small Arms wou'd be able to defend themselves against any of the Enemys

Small Craft out of Bagaduce — therefore your Petitioner Humbly prays your Honors wou'd grant Him Small Arms with Ammunition Conformable, which will be Sufficient for the above mentioned purpose — which Arms your petitioner will engage shall be delivered to the Commanding Officer at Machias for the Use of the Troops there who are in great want of them — and your petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Ja^{s} Avery

Boston Sepr 23^{d} 1780

In Council Sep^{t} 25^{t} 1780

Read and Ordered — That the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver James Avery ten fire Arms with Ammunition Sufficient for the Defence of a Vessel bound to Machias on Board of which are several Passengers — Said Avery engaging upon the Arrival of Said Vessel at Machias to deliver Said Arms to the Commanding Officer for the Use of the Troops there — Said Arms & Ammunition to be charged to the Acc^{t} of the United States

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Order to Apprehend.

Hallowell Fort Weston 25th Septem^{r} 1780

Sir

You are Required to Apprehend Ephraim Ballard of Hallowell Thos Town & William Gardner of Pitts Town, & Nathl Brown and Francis Ridley of Pownalborough, for Treasonable & Enimical Conduct Against the United States of America. & to make Report of your Doings as soon as may be, I am —

Sir Your Servt

P. Wadsworth B: G

Lieut. Joseph McLellan

Cumberland Ss Falmouth Septem^{r} 18: 1782.

This may Certifie all whom it may Concern that the above Written Orders are a True Coppy of the Original Orders given by Brig^{r} General Wadsworth to Lieu^{t} Joseph McLellan as shewn to me by s^{d} McLellan & taken at his Request By me

Richard Codman Jus^{c} Peace

Resolve in Favor Roger Hunniwell.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sep^{t} 25, 1780

On the petition of Roger Hunniwell of Scarborough a Pensioner of this State, on Account of his losing one of his Arms in the Expedition against Louisbourg 1745.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the Publick Treasury of this State the Sum of One Hun^{d} pounds Currency to Roger Hunniwell of Scarborough in full to the 5th of August 1780 for his pension

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Sep^{t} 25^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy.

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	B Austin	Jno Pitts
W Spooner	J Dorr	J Simpson
T Cushing	D Davis	Saml Baker
J Fisher	T Danielson	Thos Durfee
M Gill	B White	Edwd Cutts

Resolve of a Grant of £250 to James Cargill.

The Committee on the Petition of Sundrie Persons in favour of James Cargill have attended that service & having attentively heard the Parties & carefully considered all the Circumstances of that affair that has come to their knowledge, beg leave to Report the following Resolves, Viz —

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives 27th Sept 1780

Resolved that there be pay^d out of the Public Treasury of this State to James Cargill the sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds in the New bills of Credit or State Securities to that amount in full for his past good services

And it is further Resolved that the service of an Execution on the estate of James Cargill by David Murry Dep^y Sherif in favour of John Langdon & Ebenezer Whittier (which Execution was Suspended by an order of the General Court in June last untill the third Wednesday of the then next session of the General Court) be as Valid as it would have been had no such order ever been issued, the afforsaid Resolve or order to the Contrary notwithstanding

And it is further Resolved that there be allowed & pay^d out of the Public Treasury of this State to John Langdon Thirty Five Pounds in the New bills of Credit or State Securities to that amount, as a full discharge of his Expences &^c in coming to & attending on this Court, in obedience to an order of the General Court in June last

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council Sept 27th 1780
Read & Noncurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Resolve in Favor Board of War &c.

In the House of Representatives Sepr 28 1780

Whereas it appears by the Representation of the board of War that they labor under great Difficulties for Want of Money to carry on the various Branches of Business in their Department and that the Sum of Eighteen thousand pounds new Money is necessary to enable them to execute the Purpous mentioned in their Representation — ¶ Therefore Resolved that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State the Sum of Ten Thousand pounds in the New Emission & the Council are hereby requested to issue their Warrant on the Treasurer in Favor of the Board of War for the aforesaid Sum —

And it is farther resolved that the Honble Major part of the Council be Requested to give Brigadier Wadsworth such farther Orders as may be necessary for the Protection of the County of Lincoln —

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

Warrant drawn this Day

In Council Sep^{t} 29^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

J Bowdoin	T Danielson	E Brooks
Jer: Powell	N Cushing	J Dorr
Moses Gill	Sam Niles	Wm Whiting
B White	J Simpson	Aaron Wood
B Austin	Edwd Cutts	Jno Pitts

Resolve Making Valid an Execution on the Estate of James Cargill.

The Committee on the petition of John Langdon praying the Officers proceedings in the service of an Execution on

the Estate of James Cargill of Newcastle, should be made as Valid as it would have been, if an Order of this Court passed in June last for delaying the said Execution had not taken place — Beg leave to report by way of Resolve —

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Septr 29 1780 —

Resolved that the service of an Execution on the Estate of James Cargill of Newcastle by David Murray Deputy Sheriff in favour of John Langdon & Ebenezer Whittier of Pownalborough, which Execution was suspended by an Order of the General Court in June last, until the third Wednesday of the then next session of the General Court, be as Valid, as it would have been, had no such Order ever been Issued, the aforesaid Resolve or Order to the Contrary notwithstanding Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Sep^{t} 29^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

J Bowdoin	T. Danielson	E Brooks
Jere Powell	N Cushing	J Dorr
Mose Gill	Sam Niles	Aaron Wood
B White	J Simpson	A Fuller
B Austin	Edwd Cutts	
Wm Whiting	Jno Pitts	

Resolve in Favor Joseph Bernard.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Sept 29, 1780.

On the Petition of Joseph Bernard

Resolved that there be paid out of the Public Treasury to Joseph Bernard the Sum of Five Pounds in the new

currency in full for his Service in riding Express from Falmouth to Boston, as mentioned in his Petition

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council Sept 29th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Warrant drawn this Day

Consented to —

J Bowdoin	Sam[l] Niles	T Danielson
Jer: Powell	J Simpson	A Fuller
Moses Gill	J Dorr	Jn° Pitts
B Austin	Wm Whiting	Edw[d] Cutts
N Cushing	B. White	Aaron Wood

Memorial of Doct. Jos: Gardner.

Sir.

You will please Lay before the Hon Board the following representation & queries That Andrew Wisacre & Phillip Audibert wounded at Penobscott were admited as out Patients State Hospital & were allowed to draw their rations for their Support, are now no Longer under My Care — whether they shall continue to draw their rations or be put on the Pention List — That the Ship Protector returned from her Cruse perhaps the most sickly Vessell that ever came into this Port The Surgeon & his Mate Sick Scarce a man but what had a Fever in some Degree — The Hospital was full a Number of the Indigent attended out & had necessary from the Hospital as they came Home without money —

A Number of Gentlemens Servants who Left their Masters returned home sick They Expect the Physicians Bill to be

Charged to the State, Should be Glad of their hon^{r} Direction

I am your hum^{l} Ser

Jos Gardner

Mr Secretary Avery

In Council Sep^{t} 30, 1780

Read & Sent down.

John Avery D Sec^{y}.

Report of the Committee of Both Houses.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to Consider the Petition of George Williams & Jon^{a} Peel, in behalfe of the Owners of the Ships Black Prince, & Hector, and also all others under Similar Circumstances, beg leave to report by way of Resolve

Benj Austin p^{r} order

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council Septr 30, 1780

Resolved that there be paid out of the Treasury of this State, to Capt George Williams for himselfe & the rest of the Owners of the Ship Black Prince, One thousand pounds in the Bills of the new Emission. Also that there be paid to Capt Jon^{a} Peel for himselfe & the Owners of the Ship Hector, One thousand pounds in Bills of the New Emission; in part of what is due to them from this State for the aforesaid Ships, which were left on the Penobscott Expedition, and the Council are accordingly requested to grant warrants on the Treasurer for the same And it is further Resolved that the Board of War be & they are hereby directed to Settle with the said George Williams & Jon^{a} Peel, and all others, who are Creditors of this State for Ships which were lost on the Penobscott Expedition, and the Severall Ballances which may be due on such Settlem^{t}, to pay the same in such Notes

as the Treasurer by an Act of the General Court past the 3d May last was then directed to Issue for the discharge of the demands of the Creditors of this State, on Acco^t of the Penobscott Expedition, And it is further Resolved that the Notes wch may be given to the Crediters aforesaid, shall be dated at the time the Contracts for such Vessells were Signed, any Act or Resolve of the Genl Court to the Contrary notwithstanding.

In Council Sept. 30^t 1780

Read & Sent down

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Oct. 4, 1780

Read & Accepted

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council Oc^t 4^t, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer. Powell	I Fisher	N Cushing
Moses Gill	T Danielson	J Stone
Wm Whitny	Saml Niles	E Brooks
B. Austin	Jno Pitts	Aaron Wood
B White	J Dorr	Step^n Choate

Petition of Samuel Doggett & Co.

State of Massa^tts Bay { To the Hon^l Senate & Hon^l House of Representatives in Genl Court Assembled.—

The Petition of Samuel Doggett & Company humbly Sheweth: —

That he in Company was owner of the Sloop called the Pigeon of Eighty Tons burthen which was taken into Gov-

ernment Service by the Board of War of said State as a Transport for the Expidition to Penobscot the 8th Day of July seventeen hundred & seventy nine and was chartered for Six pounds fifteen Shillings a Ton Pr Month which was to be paid within three Months from the time of her discharge, or being lost or taken That the said Sloop was destroyed at Penobscot, being appraised before she sailed for four thousand four hundred pounds in the then current Money unfortunately for your Petitioner as the profits & Gaine of which was the only means whereby he could support & maintain his family he having for eighteen months past been in so bad a State of Health as to render him incapable of any Business, has been obliged to borrow Sums of Money to supply the wants of himself & Family & has no way or means to repay the same, but upon the Receipt of the above Money.— Your Petitioner being thus greatly distressed and not knowing by what means he can support his family during the ensuing Winter, unless your Honors would interpose for his relief — Humbly prays your honors to take this Matter into your wise Consideration, & pass such Order thereon as to your Honors may seem Just and wise.—

And as in duty bound will ever pray

Boston October 1780 Saml Doggett

Resolve in Favor John Langdon.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Octr 2d 1780

On the Petition of John Langdon, praying he may be allowed the Expense he has Incurred by attending the General Court, agreable to their order of ye 23d June last —

Resolved that there be allowed & paid out of the Treasury of this State to the sd John Langdon the Sum of Thirty five

pounds in the New Currency in full for his Expences [A] in attending the General Court agreable to their order aforesaid

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council Oct[r] 2[d] 1780

Read & Concurred with an amendment at A

at A insert and all other Charges —

In the House of Representatives Oct[r] 2, 1780

Read & Concurred

John Hancock Spkr

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	B White	Sam[l] Niles
Wm Whiting	B Austin	E Brooks
Jn[o] Pitts	T Danielson	J Dorr
J Fisher	A Fuller	Stepn Choate
Moses Gill	Aaron Wood	N Cushing

Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Thomaston.

October 1780

To the Hon[ble] the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Thomaston in the County of Lincoln Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners loth to complain, loth to ask Relief, have endeavoured with Patience to bear the Burden (and as we apprehend much more than our Proportion, all Circumstances considered) of the common Calamity of the War, in hope that through the good Hand of Providence in Time we might obtain Relief, but pressing Necessity now urgeth, and our Duty to your Honors, and ourselves urgeth that we make known the true State of our Circumstances and our Wants:

Being one of the most eastern incorporated Towns in the Commonwealth.

Our Circumstances are these, to wit, Our Settlements in general new, much younger than those in Camden (who have already had Supplies from the General Court) or the Settlements further east; there being but three Farms in the Whole Town that have been settled above eighteen years, and but six others that have been settled above seven Years; consquently our Improvements and Cultivations on the Land are but small

We have paid large Sums of Money in hiring Men to compleat the Draughts that have been made from us for the Army (which has drain'd us of Money) and these together with those that have voluntarily inlisted themselves, has so drained us of men that we have now not more than one to a Family left (a few Boys excepted)

We are also constantly harrased by the Garrison & Squadron of the Enemy posted at Majorbagaduce, we are obliged to be ever on the watch, often under Arms, and run on every Alarm, which takes up great part of our Time; and our Sea Coasts without any material Protection, are constantly exposed to their Cruisers, who capture many of our small Craft sent out a fishing, and oblige others to fly to the Land for Safety, cuts very short our Supplies from that Quarter. And lastly, to add no more,

We are taxed by the Honble the General Court much more than we are able to pay, and as we humbly apprehend (through the Honble Members not being acquainted with our Circumstances) much higher (if not altogether more) than our Proportion compared with the other Towns in the State, all Circumstances considered.

Our Wants are the Necessaries of Life; and the Means of procuring them; Our Dependance for Supplies having been

on our Lumber, Wood, Lime &c. which we shipped off, and procured Necessaries from Boston and the other maritime Towns; the Scarsity and high Price of those Necessaries now being so great, and the Navigation so dangerous, that the Returns we procure, together with all we can possibly raise upon the Land, are scarse sufficient to support our indigent and growing Families; add to this the Losses already sustained in our fishing Craft, and in other Vessels loaded with Lumber &c, having been taken by the Enemy.

And now our Case being thus, we see no Way that we can pay the heavy Taxes laid upon us; and fear unless we can obtain some Relief, many of us will be obliged to leave our Habitations (as some have already done) and seek Relief some where else, and this now growing Town, which with a little Indulgance may in time become a considerable Addition to the Commonwealth, will become dessolate, & our Improvements waste.

We also understand that there has been a considerable Sum abated of the Taxes laid on the other Towns in this County, but we had no advantage therefrom.

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Honours to take our Case under your wise, just and indulgent Consideration, & grant us an Abatement of the whole or such Part of the Taxes laid upon us as your Honours in your known Wisdom and Justice shall find proper and reasonable — And as in duty bound shall ever pray &c,

Joseph Combs	James Brown
Hezekiah Bacthelder	Jhos M^c^Lellan
James Orbeton	Oliver Robins
Jonathan Orbeton	Isaiah Tolman
Jonathan Crokit	Nathl Fales
Oliver Robins Junr	David Watson
Saml Brown	Oliver Smith

John Bridges	James Fales jun^{r}
Richd Kating	Constant Rankin
Israel Jordan	Isaiah Tolman jun
Israel Loveitt	Robart Jameson
Comfort Barrows	William Thomson
Hugh Killsa	John Rendell

Petition of Thomas Tolman.

Boston Oct^{r} — 2^{d} — 1780

The Petition of Lieut. Thomas Tolman, humbly sheweth to the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts Bay, that on the 11th of June last, he receiv'd Lieu^{t} Colonel Sam^{ll} Safford's orders, at Lake George, to take the Papers which he had prepared (viz. a Memorial, Return, &c — for that part of Colonel Warner's Regim^{t}, who belong to the State of Massachusetts Bay) and lay the same before the General Assembly of s^{d} State; And further, to pray the said General Assembly, to grant him a Consideration, of some ready Money, for the necessary Expences of his Journey; Urging the Necessity of the Prayer of his Petition, by informing the House, that the Business on which he came could not be longer delayed, nor could be effected without a Journey on purpose — That the Expences of such a Journey upon the most frugal Plan, is now become extravagant — That as he is not upon the Establishment of a recruiting Officer, in the present Case, but on separate Command to an individual State, it could not be charg'd to the United States with that Propriety, as though he had been a recruiting Officer; (or indeed should it be so charg'd, & after allowed, yet it would not help his present Necessity.) — That for him to bear it as an Individual, would be unreasonable (and as it has proved,

impossible;) And that the reimbursing him on his Return, out of what he should receive for the Men, would be no less heavy for them to bear, on Account of their small Numbers (being only 13 present fit for Duty) than it would be unjust in the Nature of the Thing to take from the penurious Soldier, what is his just Due to receive free of Cost — In pursuance of such Orders & Instructions from Col° Safford Your Petitioner however disagreeable & precarious to himself) procured a Sum on Credit (which he thought might be sufficient, if he was not unreasonably detained) and accordingly pursued his Journey — On the 8th of July he laid his Papers before the Hon^bl Council of this State (it being in the Recess of the House) and was by them refered to the Meeting of the General Assembly, then to be August 2nd; But by the several Prorougations, was adjourned until the sitting of the Present Session, by Reason of which he has been detain'd between 2 and 3 Months longer than he expected, from his Regiment — His Money is necessarily expended — Accounts of his unavoidable Expences yet remain unsettled; and he entirely destitute of a Penny to bear his Expences back to his Regiment —

In such a Necessitous Circumstance, he thought proper to lay a true State of the Matter before the Hon^bl House; Praying that they will grant him some Relief — He informs the House, that the Sum requisite for the Discharge of his Accounts, while he has been detained here, would have been much larger, if he had not had Board, some part of the Time, upon the Generosity of particular Persons — He apply'd to the Quar^r Mas^r for Forrage, but could obtain none.

Your Petitioner would not have troubled the House with so long a Detail of particular Circumstances, but for the purpose of giving you a particular Idea of the Exigence he is now in —

He concludes this his humble Memorial to the Honble House, by earnestly repeating his Request; and assuring them, that what they may please to grant for his present Necessity, will be very thankfully receiv'd, & frugally expended, by their Most Obedient Humble Servant & Petitioner, as in Duty bound

Thos Tolman; Lieu^{t} & P. Mas^{r}, Col^{o} Warner's Regim^{t}

To the Honble The General Assembly, of the State of Mass^{its} Bay.—

Petition of Ephraim Sheldon.

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council & house of Representatives of said State in General Court Assembled

The petition of Ephraim Sheldon of Woolwich in the County of Lincoln & state afores^{d}— Humbly Shews— that your petitioner was taken in a small Shallop of his own property on the high seas, in the month of March, last past, by a vessel belonging to some of the subjects of the king of Great Britain & carried into Major Baggaduce & there detained by the enemy on board his s^{d} Shallop the space of five days as a prisoner of war—¶ That the command of s^{d} Shallop was given to one Adam Cogswell belonging to s^{d} Baggaduce who proceeded on a cruize in the same, against the subjects of the United States of America & their property, with your petitioner on board under duress & took a prize, the property of some of the subjects of the United States of America. But s^{d} Coggswell not having hands on board sufficient to man both vessels, he gave your petitioner his s^{d} Shallop & dismissed him, who proceeded immediately in s^{d} Shallop to Cape Ann, where he, upon suggestion of his having taken an active part with the enemy, was apprehended &

conveyed to Boston Goal where he has been confined for the space of near seven months & during the late session of the Superior Court of said State in s^d^ Boston, but has had no trial, nor can have one till July next in the County of Cumberland —

That your petitioner has ample evidence to support his innocence in this whole transaction — and therefore pray your Hon^rs^ to enquire into his distressing circumstances & situation & that he may be liberated or admitted to Bail & Shall ever Pray

Ephraim Sheldon

Resolve on the Petition of Henry Allyne.

To the honorable the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled

The Petition of Henry Alline Clerk of the Proprietors of the Kennebeck Purchase from the late Colony of New Plymouth humbly sheweth

That in the Division among the said Proprietors, of a Tract of Land on the West Side of Kennebeck River above Fort Halifax, there was reserved a number of lots intended for Sellers interspersed among larger lots granted to Proprietors; that the said setling Lots are so far distant from each other, that people do not incline to settle upon them, which operates greatly to the detriment of the Said Grantees and the Public; that it has been proposed to lay out a road across the said larger lots, and on said Road to lay out setling lots contiguous to each other, of the same number & quantity as the referred lots aforesaid, which are to become the Property of the said Grantees, in lieu of the lots to be laid out on the said road as aforesaid, which will leave to the said grantees the same quantity of land as is contained in the Grants to them re-

spectively, and make it more valuable. Your Petitioner therefore in behalf of the Proprietors of the Kenebeck Purchase humbly prays your Honours to enable them or their committee to lay out said road and lots thereon as aforesaid, and to dispose of the same in lieu of the reserved lots abovementioned.

Henry Alline Prop^{rs} Cler

In Council Octr 4^{t} 1780

On the petition of Henry Alline Clerk of the Proprietors of the Kenebeck Purchase from the late Colony of New Plymouth

Resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted, and the Kenebeck Proprietors are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out or cause to be laid a Road and lots thereon within the Tract of land granted or to be granted by the said Proprietors to certain Persons of said Propriety and mentioned in said Petition; and to dispose of said lots in lieu of the reserved lots therein referred to: of which reserved lots, lying within any particular Grant, the same number shall be the property of the Grantee or his heirs as there shall be of lots laid out on said road within such Grant; anything contained in the Grants aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D Secy.

In the House of Representatives Octr 11th 1780

Read & concurred

John Hancock Spk^{r}

Consented to —

Jere Powell	T Danielson	Aaron Wood
J Fisher	N Cushing	J Dorr
Moses Gill	A Fuller	Wm Whiting
B Austin	Sam Niles	E Brooks
B White	Jno Pitts	Stepn Choate

Resolve Relating to Seacoast Guards.

State of Massachusetts Bay

in the House of Representatives Octr ye 4th 1780

Resolve for reduceing & regulateing the guards stationed at the Several Posts on the Sea Coasts.

Whereas it appears that the keeping up so large a number of men as guards at the Several Posts on the sea coasts, is attended with a needless expence to the State Therefore Resolved that the men which have been raised (and are now doing Duty as Guards at the Several Posts on the Sea Coast) either by the resolves of the general Court or by order of the Honble Council — be so Discharged as that their be retained in the Pay of this State no more then is hereafter exprest (viz) — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

at falmouth & Cape Elizabeth one serjeant one Corporal & twelve matrosses

at the fort on Plum Island one Corporal & three matrosses

at Glocester one Serjeant & six matrosses — —

at Beaverly one Corporal & three matrosses

at Salem one Corporal & Four matrosses

at marblehead one Corporal & three matrosses

at Dartmouth one Serjeant & Six matrosses

at the gurnet one Serjeant & six matrosses

at the forts on Dorchester heights one Serjeant & nine matrosses

at Boston one Capten one Left two Serjeants two Corporals one Drum one fife & fourty Privets — and it is further

Resolved that the Honourable the Council be and hereby are requested to give their orders for the Discharge of the officers and men not returned by the above Resolve

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Oct^{b} 4th 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	N Cushing	E Brooks
T. Cushing	B White	J Dorr
Moses Gill	S Holten	J Stone
B Austin	Sam Niles	H Gardner
T Danielson	Jno Pitts	A Fuller

A Grant of £400 to Lieut James Avery.

State of Massachusetts Bay —

In the House of Representatives October 4 1780

Whereas Lieutenant James Avery, agent for Col John Allan Commanding Officer at Machias has represented to this Court that the Officers and Men at the Garrison at Machias afors^{d} have not received any wages since the first day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine and that both Officers and Men are suffering for want of the money due to them for wages as afors^{d} — ¶ Therefore Resolved that the Treasurer of this State be directed and he is hereby accordingly directed to pay to Lieutenant James Avery Agent for Col John Allan Commanding Officer of the Garrison at Machias the sum of four hundred pounds in money of the new comission for the accommodation of the Officers and Soldiers at Machias and in part pay of their wages untill the pay roll for said Garrison is finally settled. Col Allen to be accountable for the same —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Octr 4 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

In Council Octr 4 1780

Read again and the Board reconsider their vote of Non-concurrence passed this morning & Concur on the Vote of the Honble House —

John Avery D Secy.

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	A Fuller	Jno Pitts
S Holten	T Danielson	E Brooks
J Fisher	Moses Gill	J Stone
B Austin	Sam Niles	Aaron Wood
H Gardner	B White	Stepn Choate

Warrant drawn this day

Resolve Empowering the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

State of Mass^{a} Bay

In the House of Representatives Octr 4th 1780

On the Petition of Eph^{m} Sheldon representing that he has been long confined in the Goal in Boston upon Suspicion of his having taken an active part with the Enemy at Major Baggaduce & that though innocent, he cannot have a Trial until the Session of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize & General Goal Delivery in the County of Cumberland in July next & praying the interposition of this Court for his Relief

Resolved That the prayer of said Petition be so far granted that the Justices of said Superior Court be empowered at their Session in any of the Counties within this State, to examine into the Circumstances of the said Ephraim Sheldon, the Causes of his Commitment with the Evidence against him and if on Examination they shall judge that he may be

admitted to bail with Safety to the State, that they be empowered to admit the said Ephraim Sheldon to Bail — any Resolve, Order or Act of this Court to the contrary notwithstanding

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Octr 4^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Consented to —

Jer: Powell	T Danielson	H Gardner
S Holten	B Austin	Aaron Wood
J Fisher	N Cushing	Jno Pitts
B White	Sam Niles	E Brooks
Moses Gill	J Stone	Step^{n} Choate

Letter from Step. Hall.

The Subscriber humbly begs leave to represent to the Honble Court that from the necessity of the Case, at the speecial Desire of Brig^{r} Genl Wadsworth he attends the Court to lay before them some matters of importance to the eastern parts of this State.

Two Articles in a Letter from the Genl which has been laid before the Court are of as much importance to be immediately attended to, as the Country between Kennebeck River & Majabigwaduce. One of which respects the Extent of power vested in the Genl by an Act of the Court of 25 March last past, the other the supplying the Troops with some accessories. They are destitute both of money & necessary Cloathing, & cannot in the present cold season do their duty, unless relived from their present necessity.

Your Memorialist therefore prays that some attention may be given to those Articles, before the Rising of the present Sessions.

Stephen Hall

Boston, 4 Octr 1780

In Council Octr 4^{t} 1780

Read & sent down

John Avery D Secy

Direction to Board of War.

In the House of Representatives Octr 4th 1780

Resolved that the Board of War be and hereby are directed to deliver to Samuel Freeman or Order one Fire Arm & Bayonet for the use of Joseph Patterson in lieu of one he left in an Action at Penobscot —

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council Octr 4^{t} 1780

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Sec'y

Consented to —

Jere Powell	N Cushing	E Brooks
J Fisher	B White	Step^{n} Choate
Moses Gill	Sam Niles	J Dorr
B. Austin	Jno Pitts	Wm Whiting
T Danielson	Aaron Wood	

Order of Board of War.

War Office Boston October 4, 1780

Capt Joseph Ingraham

You being Master of the Lincoln Row Galley fitted out by order of Government for conveying the Revd Mr Williams

& Comp^{y} to Penobscot for the purpose of making observations on the expected Eclipse of the Sun, it is our orders that you proceed accordingly to the beforementioned place or else where in the eastern parts of this State as you may be—directed by Mr Williams whose orders you are to follow in every respect both out & home Navigating your Vessell excepted

As you will go as a Flag you will be furnish'd by the Hon'ble Council with the documents necessary for that purpose—We wish you a good Voyage & are

Your friends &c By Order of the Board

S. P: S pres^{t}

I Acknowledge the foregoing to be a true Copy of my Orders received from the Board of War, & promise to govern myself accordingly Jo^{s} Ingraham

Petition of Robert Calef.

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Robert Calef of Boston a minor aged 19 Years Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner after your Honours had so far granted his Petition as to permit his Sister to return to this State from Penobscot applyed to the Revd Mr Williams Professor of the Mathematicks to take care of her to this place, but the Vessel being so small that there can be no Convenience for the Girl to come

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honors Indulgence that he may be permitted to go to Penobscot in the Cartel and to return by the first Convenient Oppertunity with his Sister under any Limitations & Restrictions your Hon^{rs} may think fit.

And as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Robt Calef

Council Chamber Octr 6^{t}, 1780

Read & Ordered that the Prayer of this Petition be granted and this Robert Calef be and hereby is permitted to go to Penobscot With Liberty to return by the first convenient Opportunity with his Sister to this State & to take passage on Board the Cartel now in the Harbour of Boston bound to Penobscot for this Purpose — And the Comissary of Prisoners is hereby directed to inspect all Letters & Papers he may carry with him —

Attest John Avery D Secy

Petition of Eliz^{a} Holyoke.

The Honorable Council of Massachusetts State

Boston October 7th 1780

The petition of Elizabeth Holyoke Humbly sheweth — that she was a Native of this Town — but previous to the Commencing of Hostillities her husband & family moved to Penobscot — where they now are — She sometime since Obtain'd Liberty to come up to Boston & see her friends — and now very Anxious to Return to her Husband and 4 young Children, having no other prospect of Conveyance then the present. — she Humbly begs your Honours to grant her permission to proceed in the Vessell wth Capt Ingraham & the Gentlemen from ye Colledge (at her own Expence) who are now bound near her Habitation —

And your petitioner shall ever pray —

Elizabeth Holyoke

N. B. the petitioner is fully known by Capt Ingraham — & informs that 'tis intirely agreeable to Mr Williams & the Other Gentlemen if Liberty can be granted her —

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber Octr 9th 1780

Read & Ordered — That the Prayer of this Petition be granted and that Elizabeth Holyoke be and hereby is permitted to take Passage on Board of the Flag Commanded by Capt. Ingraham bound to Penobscot and she is directed not to carry any Letters or Papers that shall be detrimental to this or the United States of America

Attest Jn° Avery D Secy.

Genl Wadsworth in re Eastern Department.

The following particulars appear to me necessary to be done for the Good of the Service in the Eastern Department viz.

That the Troops should be paid part of their Wages to enable them to procure Clothing &c necessary for their present Service, or at least Money for the Officers extra Rations & 200 pair Shoes & Stockings for the naked Soldiers to be deducted from their Wages. Should also be glad to know whether the Troops are on the Continental Establishment (or how they are to Come by their pay) & whether it be Continental or State, would recommend that a pay Master be appointed to the Dept. as the Expence will be very great if the Officers are obliged to Attend themselves at this Distance

That the Raising of a new Regiment for the Winter or insuing Year be soon undertaken by inlistment on a good Establishment, as a Discontinuance of Troops in that Quarter for the winter will be the probable if not certain Loss of the County of Lincoln.

That the Quarter Masters Dept. may be furnished with Money to discharge their former Accounts & to keep the expiring Credit of the State alive, & that a Quartermaster

may be appointed for the County of Lincoln, the former Q Master having resign'd

That a further Notice be taken of the Penobscot Tribe by a Present, & if possible that a priest [blot] &c may be obtaind for them of the French Fleet at Newport.

That Several Vessels taken from the Enemy & disposs'd of by my Order, which are now detained by a process in the Civil Courts, may be liberated & the Process cease. If I have not asked consistent with the Power & Directions given me let me be punished by the Legment* Power of the State rather than be brot into Contempt by such a Procedure.

The Honble Council

Peleg Wadsworth B. Genl

Boston 7 October 1780

* Note. Lawful.

Order for Supplies for Eastern Department.

State of Mass^tts^ Bay

Council Chamber Octr 10^t^ 1780

Ordered — That the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to furnish Brig^d^ General Wadsworth Commanding Officer at the Eastern part of this State with two hundred p^r^ of Shoes & two hundred p^r^ of Stockings for the Use of the Troops in that Department Said Stockings & Shoes to be Allowed out of the Wages of such Soldiers as shall receive the same — and said Brig^d^ Wadsworth to be acc^ble^ Also to deliver Brig^d^ Wadsworth twenty swivel Cartridges, twenty round of Shot for Ditto One Doz. of Flints, three Pound of Ball and three Dozen of Musket Cartridges for the Defence of the Vessel in her Voyage to the Eastern parts of this State he to be acc^ble^ for the same —

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Petition of Jon^a Jackson.

To the Honourable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

The petition of Jonathan Jackson of Newburyport humbly sheweth — that he has been preparing a Ship to load with Masts or other Lumber to go from hence to one of the French Islands in the West Indies — which Masts are already engaged — that understanding there is a Law in this State prohibitory to the Shipping of Masts, your Petitioner prays Permission for his Ship, called the Adventure, Hector McNeil Commander, mounted with Sixteen Guns, navigated with Thirty Men or more, deemed a very good Sailer, to load in, or have liberty to depart from the Port of Casco Bay with Fifty or Sixty Masts of the Dimensions of twenty four inches or thereabouts, for the French West Indies, any law to the contrary notwithstanding — & your Petitioner as in duty bound shall pray

Jon^a Jackson

Boston 11th October 1780

Order to Supply Eastern Indians.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Octob^r 11th 1780

Ordered that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to supply each of the Six Indians of the Penobscot Tribe without loss of time with a Hatt, Shirt Indian Stockings a Blanket suitable for them and Six Flaps and Charge the Same to the A/^c of the United States

Attest John Avery D Secy

Order for Supplies to Eastern Department.

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber Octr 12^{t} 1780

Ordered—That Capt Amasa Davis & others a Committee appointed to forward Small Stores to the Army be and hereby are directed to furnish Brig^{d} Genl Wadsworth Commanding Officer at the Eastern part of this State with two hundred p^{r} of Shoes & two hundred p^{r} of Stockings for the Use of the Troops in that Department Said Stockings & Shoes to be allowed out of the Wages of such Soldiers as shall receive the same and Said Brig^{d} Wadsworth to be Acc^{ble} for Said Articles—the Order of ye 10th Instant to the Board of War for Said Articles notwithstanding

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Order Respecting Daniel Beckler.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Boston Octr 13 1780

Whereas Daniel Beckler of Waldoburrough in The County of Lincoln a Deserter from Col^{o} Vosees Regiment in the Massachusetts Line, has voluntaryly resigned himself, and is on his way to join his Company & Regiment in the Continental Army and for many other weighty Reasons—Order^{d} That the said Daniel Becker be and He hereby is recommended to the Pardon of His Excellency General Washington, The Time limited in his Excellencys Proclamation being elapsed notwithstanding—

Attest Jno Avery D Secy

Falmouth Octr 1780

Sir.

The Bearer Capt Goodwin will deliver to your Honours Order Daniel Beckler of Waldoborough a Continental De-

serter from Col[l] Vose[s] Reg[t], & altho there can be no sufficient Reason for Desertion & especially for not receiving the Benefit of the late Proclamation of Pardon yet the Circumstances of his Family as expressed in the inclosed Certificate strongly urges me to interceed in his Behalf & to request that a Line of Recommendation may be given him for that Purpose. I am Sir your most obedient & very humble Serv[t]

Peleg Wadsworth B G

Order in Favor Jon[a] Jackson.

State of Mass[tts] Bay

Council Chamber Oct[r] 13th 1780

On the Petition of Jon[n] Jackson Esq[r]

Read & Ordered, That the Prayer thereof be granted and that he be and hereby is permitted to load in, the Ship Adventure Hector M[c]Neil Commander Sixty Masts of the Dimensions of twenty four Inches or thereabouts have Liberty to depart from the Port of Casco Bay for the W. Indies and the Naval Officer for Said Port is hereby directed to grant the Necessary Papers for the Clearance of Said Ship with the Masts Aforesaid on Board Any Act or Law of this State to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Attest John Avery D Secy

Phillip Audebert's Certificate.

This Certifies that M[r] Philip Audebert was Wounded by a Muskett Ball in the Vertebra of the Loins which Prevents him from obtaining a Living by his Trade

Jos Gardner

Boston October 20 1780

Letter from Francis Shaw Junr

Liverpool 20th October 1780

S^r

On the other Side you have price current of Lumber at Gouldsborough (near Mount Desert) shou'd you or any of your friends at Bermuda have occaision for one or more Cargo's sorted you may Depend on having your Lumber of the Best Quality & with the Greatest Dispatch, Salt at 4/ p Bush^l, Good Rum at 5/ p Gall^n, Molasses at 2/6 Gall, will be accepted as pay, be pleased to observe, that should you want to load a Vessel with large Masts & Sparrs, I shall expect five or six Weeks Notice to prepare for her, but shou'd you want sorted Cargoes of small Masts & Sparrs not exceeding Twenty or 21 Inches I can deliver them on Demand, and will Engage to pay demarage for any Vessel you may come in, or send, that has not her Lumber as fast as She can take on board, after She arrives five working days, and will allow you five p Cent on the Amo^t of the Masts & Sparrs for your Trouble in Contracting for Me, I am with Esteem, Sir Your Most Hum^l Servt

Fra: Shaw 2y

Capt Eph^n Dean

Essex Ss. May 8th, 1781

This may certify that I have accurately compared the afore written Letter of Prices current of Lumber at Gouldsborough with the original & find them, literatim & verbatim, to be true Copies of the said Original —

Attest^r Nic^l Pike Just. Pac.

To The respective Commanders of his Majestys Ships and Vessells at Boston

A True Coppy from the Original

Examin'd p^r Nathl Thwing Clerk

Price current of Lumber at Gouldsborough

Viz^{t} Pine Boards & Plank 1 Inch 1½ Inches 2 Inches in thickness } 55/at 60/ Halifax Currency p 1000 feet Inch Measure

Sparrs from 4 to 10 Inches & as long as possible } 6^{d} at 8^{d} p Inch

Sparrs 10 to 14 Inches for Yards & Topmasts square at Butt. } 3/ at 3/6 p Inch

Boombs 14 a^{t} 16 Inches 55 to 75 feet long, square at Butt } 60 a^{t} 70/ p Boomb

Oak & Rock Maple Keel pieces 8 Inches one Way & as wide the other as possible 30 to 40 feet long } 40/ p Ton of 40 feet

Masts & Bowsprits 15 to 20 Inches 45 to 76 feet long hewed 8 square } 7/6 at 10/ p Inch

Ditto 21 Inches in partners 63 at 80 feet long 12/6 a^{t} 15/ p Inch

Ditto 22 Inches — 66 a^{t} 80 feet long — 17/6 a^{t} 20/ p Inch

Ditto 23 Inches — 70 a^{t} 80 feet long — 22/6 a^{t} 25/ p Inch

Ditto 24 Inches — 72 a^{t} 80 feet long — 27/6 a^{t} 30/ p Inch

The Masts will be got longer than the above Dementions if possible, all to be hewed eight square, with one Bowsprit to three short Masts & one Bowsprit to each long or Sloop's Mast

In the House of Representatives May 15th 1781

Read & thereupon Ordered that this Letter be referred to his Excell^{y} the Governor & the hon. Council to take such measures thereon as may be most proper

Sent up for concurrence

Caleb Davis Speaker

In Senate May 15th 1781

Read & Concurred

Jer: Powell Presi^{dt}

APPENDIX

Petition of Inhabitants of Eastern Maine.

To the Honoured Governor Deputy Governor Magistrates and Deputies assembled in the Generall Court now sitting in Boston, this 18 Day of May 1672:

The Petition of severall of the Inhabitants of the Easterne parts of New England

viz: Kenebeck, Cape bonawagon Damaras Cove Shipscoate Pemaquid & Monhegen

Humbly sheweth That whereas the providence of God hath stated our habitations into these parts wherein sometimes past we have had some kind of Government settled amongst us: but for these severall years have not had any at all which is greatly to our prejudice and damage haveing no way [to] Right ourselves upon any account whatsoever: And have little hopes of obtaineing any to be helpfull to us for the good of our soules unlesse we have Government settled amongst us

The Humble Request therefore of yor Petitioners is that you will please so far to favour us as to take us under yor Government and protection that we may all have the benifit of all those laws settled amongst yor selves granted unto us which if this Honoured Court shall accept of and grant to

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* NOTE. Copied by Mr. George S. Stuart from the Suffolk files, No. 1117.

Mr. William Prescott Greenlaw, who furnished me with the above, referring to his genealogy of his ancestor, John Cox, previously published, says: "If I had had a correct copy of the petition at that time, I think I should have been able to demonstrate that this Thomas (see petition) was the ancestor of the Dorchester and Portland Coxes."

us: We have desired our loveing friend Mr Richard Collacott to advise with this Honoured Court or Comitty which they shall appoint for that purpose and to act in our behalfe what be Judged meet or convenient for us whereby yor petitioners shall be ever engaged to pray &c.

Kenebeck.

Richard Hamon	Wm Baker
Lawrence Denice	Robt Edmans
Silvanus Davys	David Crocker
John Gutch	Ambros Honywell
Thomas Bow[ne]	John Cock
Thomas Stephens	Nich Peterson
Wm Beckford	Edwd Cole
John Parker	James Cole
Tho: Parker	Alex^{r} ffrizell
Thomas Cock	Jno Layton
Nath Harris	

Cape Bonawagon.

Robert Gamon	Benj: Barton
John Pride	John Arthers
Edward Barton	Aron Beard
Henry Walderne	Tho: Calton
Steph: Woolfe	Wm Dane
Mathew Dyer	Tho: Healse
Rich Seeth	Gab^{r} Skiner
Nicholas Bond	Robt Baker

Pemaquid.

Thomas Gardiner	Wm Phillips
Jer: Hodsdon	Tho: Harwood
John Cole	Tho: Elbridg
John Hinks	Walter Phillips
A[lexander] Gold	Jno Taylor
Jno Browne	

Damoras Coave.

Rich Honywell
Jn° Allen
Roger Seaward
John Wrieford
Elias Trick
John Bedwell
Robt Parker
Emanuell Whitehauce
Leonard Alber
Wm Lee
Symon Newcombe
Nicho Oband
Rich ffriend
Tho: Alger
Edmund Robins

Ships Cott.

Wm Dyar
Nath Draper
Tho: Dwinthim
Thomas Mercer
Wm Cole
Sam Corbinson
John White
Wm Collcott
Christ° Dyer
John Dyer
Wm James
Ralph Andrews
Thomas Gimpe
Phill Bendall
Wm Loveren

Monhegen.

Jn° Palmer
Jn° Dollen
Antho: Pedell
Geo: Bickford
Raynold Celle
Jn° Dare
Rich Worring
Edwd Dary
Th° ffluen
Richard Boon
Rich Olivar
Roger Wills
Hen: Stokes
Wm Sanders
Robt Whittell
Abr: Lackrow
Abell Hockbridg
Peter Widger

These were the names of the persons subscribers of the severall papers sent to Richard Collacot for ye Petition abovesaid

In answer to this Petition the Committee Understanding that the lyne beinge drawne since the Pet^{rs} first made this Petition, it takes in the most part or neere all the p sons & Places abovementioned doe Judge the Court may graunt the Petition *provided they pay all Publique Charges Equally with the rest of the Inhabitants in this Collony
28 May 1672

Edward Tyng
George Corwin
Humphry Davie

The deput^{s} approve of the returne of the Comittee in answer to this pet soe farre as the proviso marked * o^{r} honord magis^{ts} consenting hereto

William Torrey Cleric.

The magis^{ts} Consent not heereto

Edward Rawson Secrety.

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